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## 'CAPITALISM BOUND TO CRACK'

### HOUR FOR WORLD REVOLUTION ABOUT TO STRIKE Startling Report On Communism

Washington, Mar. 7.

A Congressional sub-committee reports that it is convinced Communists believe the hour for world revolution is just about to strike.

For a year this sub-committee of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, headed by Mrs. Frances P. Bolton, Republican, has studied world political movements. It went back 100 years into Communist and Russian policy, studying words and deeds.

"The Communists have one goal, world revolution," the report says. "They assumed the revolution will be violent."

Both Communist and non-Communist statesmen "now expect great changes in the very near future in Europe," it adds.

"Aside from any coming economic crisis, the Communists believe that the world is even now in a political crisis," it says. "They believe that large

The committee findings fill three small volumes. One contains the committee's conclusions and another the statements of Russian and Communist officials over a period of 100 years. The third lists recent protests the United States has made against Russian policies and actions.

The report says the Russians hope they can weaken Western Europe further—"they know how to increase the strains and they have announced they will use all means to do so."

As for the United States, the report says the Communists have been convinced for 100 years that capitalism is bound to crack.

A depression in the United States would not only fulfil their prediction, "it would bring the world revolution to a climax," the committee says.

**"Top Priority"**  
"It might either so weaken the United States that world capitalism would collapse, or it might lead to American Fascism, with a final struggle between Capitalism and Communism."

The interpretation of the economic situation of the United States thereby takes its place as the top priority problem for Soviet intelligence.

The committee concluded that the Communists believe their policies are based upon a science capable of predicting accurately the course of human behaviour.

—Associated Press.

## You Have Been Warned!

London, Mar. 6.

Events in Czechoslovakia proved "that the Communists are enemies to Parliamentary or any other kind of democracy and that they would stoop to any depth of blackmail or violence in their attempt to seize power," Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Deputy Prime Minister, tonight told a local Labour Party meeting at Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

Urging Socialist "simplicity" who advocate co-operation with the Communists to take warning, Mr. Morrison declared:

"There can be no mistaking the lesson for the trade unions and all voluntary associations of free men to be read in the hidden preparations and the ruthless use of the Communist action committees in Czechoslovakia. The warning will not be lost on the British people, nor I trust on the free democracies of France and elsewhere."—Reuter.

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are in the world are close to revolution at the present moment."

Here is how it pieces together what it believes the Communists expect to occur:

**What They Expect**  
(1) The crackup of capitalism will start soon with a depression in the United States.  
(2) It will spread throughout the world rapidly.  
(3) There will be revolutions.

(4) Apparently the Russians and Communists hope to encourage the fighting but to keep out of it as much as possible.  
(5) When the time comes they hope to be able to step in, healthy and strong, and take over the battered world.

The Congressmen say the Communist designs and plans are spelled out for all the world to read and that:

"Our reluctance to face the facts concerning Soviet policy even though they have done their best to make its nature explicit, is parallel to our earlier reluctance to recognise the nature of Nazi ambitions when they lay plain in the text of Hitler's book."

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ON OTHER PAGES



The pilot was killed and three people injured (one of whom died later) when a "Viking" aircraft operated by British European Airways crash-landed at Ruislip, Middlesex, on the evening of January 6th. The plane was bound for Northolt from Glasgow.—Associated Press Photo.

## RUISLIP AIR CRASH

## Guatemala Planning To Provoke An Incident?

San Salvador, Mar. 6.

European diplomatic quarters here have expressed fears that Guatemala may be planning to provoke a border incident with British Honduras.

It is reported here that total mobilisation may be declared in Guatemala any day. Already she has despatched forces to the frontier on the pretext that some 1,500 British troops, "with mountain cannon" are there.

British quarters categorise the troops as "mountain cannon" and "Guatemalan official claims that the long-sunk "Curacao" and the sloop "Sparrow" are standing off Belize.

In the first place, it would be almost impossible to get 1,500 men together from the British forces now in the area.

In the second, no British forces are nearer Guatemala than the town of El Gato, some 10 miles from the border. It may be stated on authority that in no instance of provocation would British troops fire the first shot.

The cruiser "Curacao" was cut in half and sunk by the liner "Queen Mary" off the coast of Ireland on October 2, 1942.

Guatemala City, Mar. 6.

All traffic and communication between Belize, capital of British Honduras and Guatemala was at a standstill on Saturday.

The statement followed a Guatemalan Government announcement on Friday night that the line between Belize "and the rest of the Republic" has been closed as a precaution against possible incidents.

Though in British Honduras, Belize is generally referred to by the Guatemalan Government as part of its Republic.

A Government announcement, describing the closing of the frontier as "an emergency act," said the step had been taken "because of the recent disembarkation of foreign military forces which threaten Guatemala's security."

This closure cancels all communication and all traffic of persons and goods between Guatemala and her territory which is in alien hands. The shipment of all kinds of food products or any other products from Guatemala to Belize is prohibited, said the order.

A source close to the Guatemalan Foreign Minister said on Saturday that if Belize comes under Guatemalan control, the residents will be given the order.

Nothing was known yet about the membership of any delegation to be sent to Moscow but it was assumed that the delegation would consist of members of the Government and of Members of Parliament.

Only the People's Democrats support the Russian proposal unconditionally. The Social Democrats, largest single group in the Finnish Parliament, have told the President that they would "not be opposed to negotiations through the majority of the Finnish people are against the pact."

The People's Democrats and Social Democrats together command a majority in Parliament. Three of the country's six parties—the Agrarians, Liberals and Conservatives—oppose the pact.

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## Communist Grip On Czechoslovakia No Local Purges Of Army Units

Prague, Mar. 6.

The Communist Party, its purge of public life almost completed, declared today that Czechoslovakia's "February revolution" had been safer than an American "Fourth of July" celebration.

The announcement came as Communist Action Committees cracked down on a group of army officers; discharged the governing body of an honorary military association; and widened the purge of the national and foreign press. Aside from the Army and a few newspapers, Communist control of Czech national life is now almost complete.

Every Government agency is firmly within the Communist grip and Premier Klement Gottwald expects a minimum of 208 votes with which to get his policies through the 300-seat Constituent Assembly when it reconvenes on Wednesday.

The "Central Action Committee of the National Front" warned local action committees not to initiate local purges of Czech Army units. Instead, they are to the Ministry of National Defence and the chairman of the Parliamentary Defence Committee, Rudolf Slansky, "all cases where interference is necessary."

The Social Democrat organ, "Pravo Lidu" headlined the announcement: "Purge in Army."

Eight American films starring actors who testified at the Congressional investigation of Hollywood Communists, have been banned throughout Czechoslovakia by order of the Ministry of Information. The boycotted stars are Gary Cooper, Ginger Rogers, Robert Montgomery, Robert Taylor and Adolphe Menjou.

The Ministry of the Interior announced that a police officer, Alois Malek, implicated on suspicion of being an "agent in the espionage network of the National Socialist Party," hanged himself in his cell in the military prison.

**"Not One Human Victim"**  
"More than once," the Communist Party newspaper "Rude Pravo" commented, "we have read reports stating how many victims had been claimed by the celebration of American Independence Day when more than one American citizen paid with his life either by being trampled in a crowd, as a result of overdrinking or something similar."

In the exciting day at the end of this historic February there were hundreds of thousands of Czechs and Slovaks in the streets. There was not one human victim."

The "Rude Pravo" declaration followed an announcement by Domestic Trade Minister Frantisek Krajcir that Bulgarian Communist Premier Georgi Dimitroff, reputed "strong man" of Moscow's Balkan satellites—is expected to visit Prague. Krajcir did not indicate when or why Dimitroff is coming.

The Interior Ministry, acknowledging that "some persons have attempted to leave the country in order to work against the Republic abroad," warned that anyone "caught aiding refugees" would be presented as a traitor.—United Press.

**Trade As Usual**  
Prague, Mar. 6.

Czechoslovakia will nationalise her foreign trade but will not devalue her currency to set up a special trade dollar value, the Minister of Foreign Trade told a news conference on Saturday.

The Minister Antonin Gregor, a Communist, reiterated his hope that Czechoslovakia could continue to do business with the Western countries, which were finally defined as those countries which did not have planned economy, no matter what their geographical location.

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Guatemala's demand, announced by the United States, that other American states should support the American position in the dispute over British Honduras, was already being met by many Latin American states.

The only argument was that the United States was not a Latin American state.

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**MADELINE BACK**  
Hollywood, Mar. 6.

Madeline Carroll has returned to Hollywood to make another film after six years' absence.

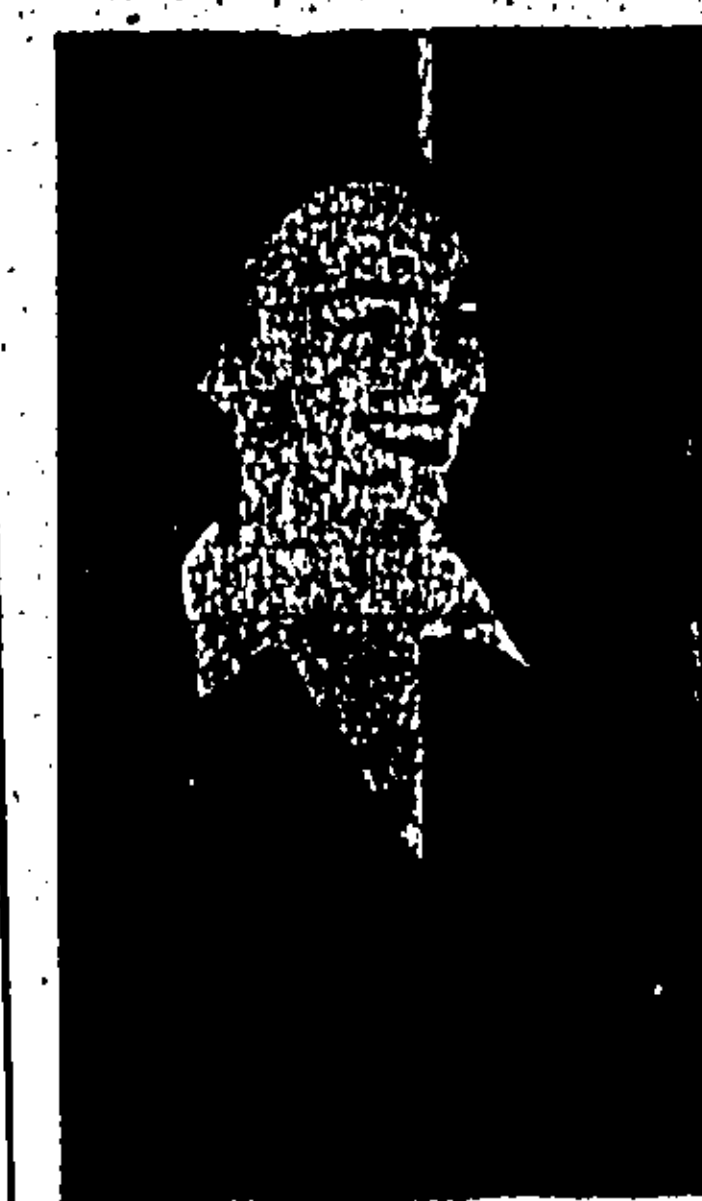
She gave up her career in 1942 for war work. She has been making documentary films for the United Nations since the war ended.—United Press.

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**THE WEATHER**  
A heavy anticyclone entered Hong Kong on Saturday night. A deep depression entered it of Hokkaido in moving fairly rapidly. A trough of low pressure extends NW from Sino into NW China.

Today's Forecast: Moderate S and SE winds. Cloudy and heavy with occasional rain. Fair periods during the afternoon.

## Princess Ann



A romance that has been making world headlines ran into a snag this week when the Pope refused to grant a dispensation for Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma (above) who is a Roman Catholic, to marry ex-King Michael of Rumania, a member of the Greek Orthodox Church.—Associated Press.

## British Statement "Rejected"

Prague, Mar. 6.

The Czechoslovak Social Democratic Party today issued a statement, rejecting the British Labour Party's statement on Tuesday condemning the new Czechoslovak Government.

"The Czechoslovak Social Democratic Party cannot agree with your attitude towards the February events and the present state of affairs in this country," the statement said.

"As we all found out, it was a matter of suppressing an attempt of reaction from abroad which tried to stop our further progress towards Socialism by using all means at their disposal—beginning with sabotage of Government work and the resignation of Ministers and ending with an anti-Government conspiracy and high treason."

In Berlin, the "Neues Deutschland," Soviet-licensed paper, today accused the Czech emigres in Munich with plotting against the Republic with British help.

**"British Major"**  
The paper said that a British Major, Fuller, and a British businessman named Tipler had put "reactionary Czech in Munich" in touch with General Lev Pachala, who was deprived of his rank in 1945 after leading an anti-Benes group in London.

They had also made contact with Herr Wenzel Jackack, former Sudeten German Social Democrat Party leader, now said to be in London, who last year formed a Sudeten German Society with the object of returning deported Sudeten Germans to their former Czechoslovak homes.

These Czech groups were calling on similar groups abroad to join them and were planning a conference for the end of the month, the paper said.

**Benes' A Prisoner**  
A Frankfurt despatch quoted the German news agency Dena for a statement by two Czechoslovak People's (Catholic) Party leaders that Dr. Benes was "more a prisoner than the head of the state."

Dr. Pavel Tigrid, former editor of his Party's paper Lidova Democracie, and M. Edvard Baur, former member of the Party's foreign policy committee, the two refugees, said that altogether 170 Czech refugees had crossed the border into Bavaria in the last few days.—Reuter.

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**Explosion In Chemical Plant**  
Waltham, Mass., Mar. 7.

A roaring explosion, shattering windows 200 yards away, demolished the Interlake Chemical Company plant as work shifts were changing. At least 30 persons were injured, five critically. The blast was heard two miles away.

The fires, fed by chemicals, roared through the plant and threatened for an hour to spread to nearby buildings. A crowd of 1,000 curious people jammed the streets, watching the firemen who were prevented from getting fire equipment placed for half an hour due to the jam.

Clothes were literally burned off some of the employees. Curiously, some who had their clothes burned off were not seriously hurt.—United Press.

**Ten Miles**  
Waltham, Mar. 7.

An explosion heard ten miles away levelled a sprawling plastics factory last night and early today firemen began checking the moultering ruins for 15 or more persons trapped.

In hospitals were 26 injured, 14 of them seriously.—Associated Press.

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## Over 50,000 Overseas Chinese Stranded In China Today

### MASARYK "QUOTED"

London, Mar. 6.  
Mpscow Radio quoted  
Czech Foreign Minister  
Jan Masaryk today as say-  
ing he favoured an alliance  
with Russia. According to a  
Prague dispatch, Masaryk  
was reported to have said:  
"My place is with the  
Czech people to whom I  
am devoted. Our security  
can only be guaranteed by  
an alliance with the Soviet  
Union and our place there-  
fore is always at the  
latter's side."—United Press.

### Soong On Clean-Up Campaign

Canton, Mar. 7.  
Dr. T. Y. Soong says that in  
four months banditry in South  
China will be wiped out and  
reconstruction can start on a  
large scale.

Speaking to the District Rotary  
conference, he said bandits—which  
presumably include pirates and  
Communists—have been cleared from  
South and North Kwangtung, Canton  
and the Hsin Hai area.

The worst spot still remaining is  
near the Fukien border.

"I have just visited Shanghai and  
Nanking and found the situation  
there discouraging. But what we  
witness is the darkness before the  
dawn," he said.

Soong said American relief rice  
will help the food problem in South  
China.

Speaking of student unrest, he  
said he is acting on a suggestion of  
the Consul General Ronald A.  
Hall on plans for a civil service for  
Kwangtung to permit graduates to  
get Government jobs.—Associated  
Press.

Chamonix, Mar. 6.  
Anneliese Schuf Proxner, of  
Austria, today won the women's  
downhill race in the Alpine  
combined competition at the  
Kandahar ski meet. She was  
timed at 2:12.3 over the 2500  
metre course. Trude Blaser of  
Austria was second and Rhoda  
Wurtz of Canada tied for  
third.—United Press.

## American Industry Wants A 'Share'

Washington, Mar. 6.  
A U.S. House of Representatives Committee said  
on Saturday that American industry should  
have a chance to operate in British colonies.  
Representatives John C. Kunkel, Republican, and  
Francis E. Walter, Democrat, both of Pennsylv-  
vania, in their report on the economic re-  
covery of the United Kingdom also said:

"Western hemisphere nations  
should meet to decide how they  
can give most aid to United King-  
dom recovery. Western European  
nations should include defensive  
and political agreements in their  
joint recovery efforts."

In suggesting that colonies be  
opened to business backed by  
American private capital, the  
committee said this would help  
to provide dollars for British use  
in international trade.

The committee said "the charges  
of discrimination or alleged con-  
fiscatory practices involving such  
investments might be referred to  
a mutually acceptable interna-  
tional tribunal."

The report also said that in  
moving toward a union of west-  
ern European nations, the develop-  
ment of the colonies of these  
nations should be considered.

The committee criticized United  
Kingdom exports to non-Euro-  
pean nations of items needed in  
Western Europe.

It said: "Naturally the United  
Kingdom should not be prevent-

Nanking, Mar. 6.  
More than 50,000 overseas Chinese are stranded in  
China waiting to return to their former homes,  
practically all in Far Eastern areas, Liu Wei-  
chih, chairman of the Overseas Chinese Af-  
fairs Commission, told the United Press today.  
He said the bulk of this number formerly lived  
in the Philippines and Burma. They have been  
prevented from returning to their homes be-  
cause of post-war restrictions imposed by those  
two countries.

Liu said that out of a total of  
\$2,371 Chinese who had registered  
with the Government for repatri-  
ation to their pre-war homes, only  
25,539 are so far on record as hav-  
ing returned to the Far Eastern  
areas from which they fled. He  
stressed that these figures represented  
only the number who had registered  
with the Government. There are be-  
lieved to be many more thousands  
who did not register.

The stranded Chinese are crowded  
into the port cities of Amoy, Swatow,  
Hankow and Hong Kong, where  
many of them depend entirely on  
the over-taxed Government relief  
agencies for food and shelter while  
awaiting apparently hopeless re-  
patriation efforts.

"Most of them have lived all their  
lives overseas," Liu said, "and they  
have no other homes. The refusal  
to allow them to return has worked  
a great hardship on them."

### Objections

Inadequate housing facilities and  
limited food resources are the main  
objections which have been raised by  
the countries who have opposed the  
return of former Chinese residents.  
They have cited lack of proper  
passport or documentary evidence of  
pre-war residency as further cause  
for delay.

Since many Chinese evacuated  
their overseas countries after Jan-  
uary occupation, the number whose  
documents are not in order is very  
large, Liu added.

The Philippines, which thus far  
has denied entry to almost 9,000  
former Chinese residents, has re-  
fused even to consider applications  
from those who left the islands prior  
to outbreak of the war. The Manila  
Government, according to Liu, has  
taken the position that only genuine  
refugees—those who left on Decem-  
ber 7, 1941—are eligible to return.

### Burma

Over 25,000 former Chinese re-  
sidents of Burma are still waiting  
repatriation. The Burmese Govern-  
ment has blamed the delay on in-  
adequate facilities as a result of  
war-time destruction. The Chinese  
Government, however, feels that  
political considerations also have  
been involved.

The Government here hopes that  
since Burmese independence has been  
achieved that the Rangoon Govern-  
ment will expedite entry permits for  
the thousands of Chinese waiting to  
return.

Neither the Siamese or Malayan  
Governments placed any restrictions  
on Chinese who desired to return  
after the war, and with the aid of  
UNRRA, the majority who fled from  
those areas have gone back.

Indo-China similarly permitted  
free entry but unsettled conditions in  
Indochina has made protection of  
Chinese there a constant problem,  
and the Dutch Government has dis-  
couraged Chinese from returning.—  
United Press.

## Charges Dropped, Convicted!

Shanghai, Mar. 7.  
In spite of the fact that the  
Manila District Court had dropped  
its charges against him, Soo  
Van Lay, a 35-year old, Fukienese,  
was convicted and sentenced to  
15 years imprisonment in the  
Shanghai District Court yester-  
day for implication in the kid-  
napping of Li An-tai in Manila  
on December 8, 1946.

After consulting his defence  
counsel, Soo decided to appeal on  
the grounds that the same  
charges against him had been  
quashed by the Manila court.  
Soo was arrested on March 13  
last year on information from the  
Manila judicial authorities on  
a charge of participating in the  
kidnapping of Li An-tai, son of  
a wealthy Chinese businessman  
in Manila, for whom the  
accused worked as a chauffeur.

As the real culprits were later  
rounded up by the Manila police,  
and, after a full investigation,  
Soo was found to have nothing  
to do with the crime, the local  
authorities were notified accord-  
ingly.—Reuter.

## RADIO

ZBW, Hong Kong broadcasting on a  
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7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.  
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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.35 p.m.—A. Light Variety Programme  
with Steve Conway (Vocal).  
1.00 p.m.—Ray Kinney and His  
Hawaiians.  
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and  
Announcements.  
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:  
The London Radio Orchestra.  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
6.00 p.m.—Studio: Hospital Request  
Half Hour: Program 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.  
6.30 p.m.—Studio: Portuguese, Half  
Hour.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and  
Home News.  
7.15 p.m.—Studio: Jill Lapper Talks on  
Films.  
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "Like What, I  
Like" with Elaine Winters.  
7.45 p.m.—Calling Res. Purvis and  
His Orch. with Arlene White  
(Vocal).  
8.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:  
"Homeside" (Comedy: Lambert,  
Nightingale, Rialto, Orchestra conducted  
by the Composer).  
8.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:  
"My Song" by "You" (Musical  
Sketch).  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
9.15 p.m.—Weekend Report.  
9.30 p.m.—Studio: "A Talk—You and  
Your Captain" by R.A. Watson.  
9.45 p.m.—Studio: "Apertures and Speeches."  
9.55 p.m.—Studio: Carnival of the  
Animals (Leopold Stokowski), and  
the "Symphonic Orchestra."  
10.00 p.m.—Studio: "What is Art  
For?" For the spirit "A Discus-  
sion between Eric Newton and a  
Hostess."  
10.15 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News  
Hour.  
10.30 p.m.—"Something for Everybody."  
11.00 p.m.—"Dance Time."

### Phoenix Divorce

Phoenix, Ariz., Mar. 6.  
Mrs. Viola Grinditch, 24,  
heirless to a portion of the  
Goldfield railroads, millions,  
won her contested divorce  
suit and custody of two  
children. Her husband,  
William H. Grinditch, 40,  
charged his wife with fault  
of misconduct with the son  
of a Phoenix banker.—  
United Press.

## Life Is Freer In China

San Francisco, Mar. 6.  
"China, under dictatorship,  
actually has more freedom  
than we have in America," a  
Shanghai-Los Angeles exporter  
told newsmen on his return to  
the United States today.

But he did not view the excess of  
freedom as beneficial.

"It simply results from a break-  
down of law enforcement," Robert  
W. Squire said.

"It is only another case of what  
General Albert Wedemeyer would  
term 'lack of management.' Student  
riots and strike demonstrations are  
examples of this."

### Committee Jibs

Washington, Mar. 5.  
The Republican-dominated House  
of Representatives Appropriations  
Committee refused today to mix in  
to the Civil Rights fight.

It turned down in a private ses-  
sion a sub-committee recommenda-  
tion that Congress withhold Federal  
money for hospital building and  
vocational education from States that  
deny negroes equal education and  
job opportunities.

The full committee's last minute  
action was unusual. Sub-committee  
almost always win their point in  
the committee.—Reuter.

### Lisbon, Mar. 5.

One of two tugboats purchased by  
the Lisbon Port Board in the  
United States was lost in the  
Atlantic in a storm en route to  
Lisbon; it was stated today.  
There was no mention of possi-  
ble loss of life.—United Press.

## Shanghai Rentals Decision

Shanghai, Mar. 7.  
Rentals in Shanghai were  
fixed at 7,000 times the 1937  
figure for residential leases  
and 9,000 times for business  
and offices at a stormy session of  
the Shanghai City Council last  
night.

The new scheme comes into force  
from March 1 and is revisable in  
six months.

The long drawn-out debate on the  
vexed question of rentals came  
to a climax last evening after pre-  
vious motions recommending the  
freezing of rentals at the December,  
1937, figure and, opposing the setting  
of ceiling on rentals had gone down  
to defeat.

Sixty-four of the 100 Councillors  
present voted for the new scheme—  
which, in effect, means a reverse  
for the local landlords, who have  
been demanding that rentals be fixed  
on the cost of living index issued by  
the municipal authorities.

While the Council's resolution can-  
not be enforced as law yet, there  
is every indication that speedy ac-  
tion will be taken to have it pro-  
mulgated and implemented.—Reuter.

## New Air Service

A joint arrangement between  
Pan American World Airways,  
Pacific-Alaska Division, and  
Southwest Airways whereby  
passengers may fly to Honolulu  
from any city on "Southwest's"  
route for the established Pan  
American San Francisco-Hono-  
lulu fare of \$150, is an-  
nounced by Harvey Hancock,  
PAA director of traffic and  
public relations. The agree-  
ment will become effective  
March 13.

"Southwest," a feeder line,  
extends from Los Angeles to  
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Sacramento must take the  
"Clipper" from San Francisco,  
Hancock said. Those who leave  
from cities south of San  
Francisco may fly to Honolulu  
from either San Francisco or  
Los Angeles.

## The Coming Week In Parliament

London, Mar. 6.  
An all-party exploratory meeting, to be held in  
London next week, may decide whether a  
fully reformed House of Lords is likely to  
emerge from the present Parliament.  
The Lords reform, if adopted, is likely to involve  
a second chamber of 300 members instead of  
the present 800, who are largely Conservative.  
Of the 300, half would probably be hereditary  
peers, elected by their fellows, and the other  
half House of Commons nominees, chosen for  
the value of their public services.

Whatever form the revised  
chamber may take, it is certain  
that the Government will still in-  
sist upon cutting the peers pre-  
sented power of delaying legislation  
from two years to one or 15  
months at the most.

Who lay to the success of the  
negotiations will be the opposi-  
tion's eventual acceptance or re-  
jection of the plan to cut the  
Lords' power of delay.  
The Conservative leader, Mr.  
Winston Churchill, is expected to  
produce some of his old thunder  
when he speaks in a debate on  
the Navy estimates on Monday.  
The Conservatives disapprove of  
the reduction of the British naval  
strength and Mr. Churchill is ex-  
pected to be critically analytical  
on the effect of the estimates on  
Commonwealth defence.

BY ALEX RAYMOND

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## NOTICE

THE HONGKONG  
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ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING

Owing to unforeseen circum-  
stances the meeting is postponed  
to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at  
5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A.,  
Hutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda: — To receive reports  
and accounts for the past year.

To review and, if  
thought fit, re-  
vise the constitu-  
tion and policy  
of the Associa-  
tion.

To elect officers.

T. P. WU,  
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that  
the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly  
Meeting of the Members of this  
Company will be held at the  
Office of Messrs. Jardine,  
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wed-  
nesday, the 17th day of March,  
1948, at Noon, to receive the  
Report of the Board of Direc-  
tors and Statement of Accounts  
for the year ended 31st Decem-  
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and  
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the  
Transfer Books of the Company  
will be closed from the 4th  
March, 1948, to the 17th March,  
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the  
Board of Directors,  
Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1948.  
C. E. TERRY,  
Manager & Secretary.

## NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the thirty-ninth Ordinary  
General Meeting of the Com-  
pany will be held at the Offices of  
Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,  
3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank  
Building, on Friday, the 19th  
March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the  
purpose of receiving the Re-  
port and Statement of Accounts  
for the year ended 31st Decem-  
ber, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN  
that the Transfer Books of the  
Company will be closed from the  
5th March, 1948 to the 19th  
March, 1948 both days inclu-  
sive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,  
General Managers.

25th February, 1948.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-  
eral Meeting of the Company  
will be held at the Offices of  
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and  
Company, Limited, Hongkong  
on Wednesday, 24th day of  
March, 1948, at 12 o'clock Noon,  
to transact the ordinary busi-  
ness of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY  
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-  
ter of Members of the Com-  
pany will be closed from the  
10th to the 24th day of March,  
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,  
Secretary

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1948.

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# Abdullah El Wazir Disclaims Responsibility For Murder

Cairo, Mar. 6.

Imam Abdullah El Wazir, who proclaimed himself  
ruler of the Yemen after the overthrow of the  
Government on February 18, has disclaimed  
any responsibility for the murder of his pre-  
decessor, Imam Yahya Hamid-Din, the Egypt-  
ian weekly newspaper "Akhhbar El Yom" re-  
ported today.

The paper claimed to have obtained a report of the  
Arab League mission, which went to the  
Yemen to investigate the situation there after  
the Emir Seif El Islam Ahmed, son of the as-  
sassinated ruler, had declared himself "King,"  
in defiance of Imam Abdullah.

In the report, Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary-  
General of the Arab League, Imam Abdullah was quoted as  
saying:

"I swear by Allah and my  
honour that I did not know of  
the murder of Yahya until  
after it was committed. I had  
nothing to do with it, I did not  
know about the plot. I did not  
covet the throne."

The report asserted, accord-  
ing to the "Akhhbar El Yom,"  
that most members of Abdullah  
El Wazir's Government had  
condemned the murder and  
added that members of the  
Arab League mission were in-  
clined to believe the Imam's as-  
sertions.

Other press reports said that  
the new ruler had rejected the  
suggestions for a plebiscite  
and had threatened the Arab  
League that, failing the re-  
cognition of his regime, he  
would seek foreign aid.

King Ibn Saud of Saudi  
Arabia was reported from Aden  
to have adopted a neutral stand  
in the dispute between the two  
claimants to the Yemenite  
throne, saying that he would  
abide by the decision of the  
Arab League.

The Emir Ahmed was still  
in his mountain refuge today,  
trying to induce neighbouring  
tribes to unite with him  
against Abdullah El Wazir.

## NOTICE

THE BANK OF  
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Ordinary Yearly General  
Meeting

Notice is hereby given that  
the ordinary yearly general  
meeting of shareholders of the  
Company will be held at the  
head office of the Company, 6  
Des Voeux Road Central, Hong-  
kong, on Monday the 16th  
March, 1948, at 3.00 p.m. for  
the purpose of receiving and  
considering the reports of the  
Directors and of the Auditors  
and the Profit and Loss Ac-  
count and Balance Sheet for  
the year ending 31st December,  
1947, and for the appointment  
of auditors and declaration of  
dividends.

The Register of Shares of  
the Company will be closed  
from the 5th day of March to  
16th March, 1948 (both days  
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no transfer of shares will be  
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By Order of the Board,

D. S. YUAN,  
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## General Strike In Cyprus

Kyrenia, Mar. 6.  
Cyprus workers held a general  
strike today to protest against  
the shooting of four copper mine  
strikers by the police last Wed-  
nesday.

Forbidden to hold processions,  
the demonstrators walked through  
the streets in groups of three,  
carrying banners with anti-  
American slogans (the mines  
are American-owned). The  
copper mines have been on strike since  
January 12 for higher wages  
and a 40-hour week below  
ground.  
The police fired on pickets on  
Wednesday when three dynamite  
attempts on the lives of officials  
were reported. Newspaper pickets  
and others then began a peaceful  
strike today.

# Franco Wouldn't Like It

Brussels, Mar. 6.

The coming Anglo-French/  
Benelux defence pact will con-  
tain statements that "no totali-  
tarian state would very much  
like to join in." British spokes-  
men said on Saturday.

These indications were given  
by Sir George Rendel, Amba-  
sador to Belgium, and Gladwyn  
Jebb, of the Foreign Office.

One of the questions to be  
worked out, Jebb told the  
Associated Press, is to what  
extent the alliance will be open  
to other countries.

"We wouldn't exactly be  
eager to have General Franco  
join it tomorrow morning," he  
remarked.

The British delegates said  
the pact would lay down the  
general principles of a defensive  
military alliance. But it would  
not contain detailed provisions  
on that score.

Ways and means of imple-  
menting it would be left for  
discussion after the pact, they  
add. No military advisors are  
attending.

The conference "was expect-  
ed to continue at least past the  
week end," a Belgian source  
said.—Associated Press.

# Quest For Highest Mountain

Shanghai, Mar. 7.

Milton Reynolds, Chicago pen  
millionaire, arrived in China  
today in quest for the highest  
mountain in the world.

Pilot Bill Odum, who flew  
around the world in record  
time recently, set the mountain-  
hunting expedition's big four-  
engine ship down at Shang-  
hai's Luchuan airport at 3.25  
p.m.

A large crowd was there to  
meet them. Stepping from the  
plane, Odum said with a smile:  
"We had a beautiful trip all  
the way across the Pacific."

The expedition, jointly spon-  
sored by Reynolds and the  
Boston Museum of Science, will  
move to Nanking tomorrow  
morning.

Odum said they expected to  
arrive at Lanchow, head-  
quarters of China's wild west  
in a few days. Reynolds and  
American and Chinese scientists  
will photograph a peak close to  
Tibet, which is believed to be  
the world's highest mountain  
yet uncharted. Some observers  
think it is higher than the  
Everest.—Associated Press.

# "Solid South" Hollow?

Philadelphia, Mar. 6.

Carroll Reece, chairman of  
the Republican National Com-  
mittee said today there is a  
"good chance" that five Southern  
states would go Republican in  
the Presidential election.

He named the states as  
Oklahoma, Virginia, North  
Carolina, Kentucky and Ten-  
nessee, and added the Re-  
publicans might even carry  
some states in the "Deep  
South."

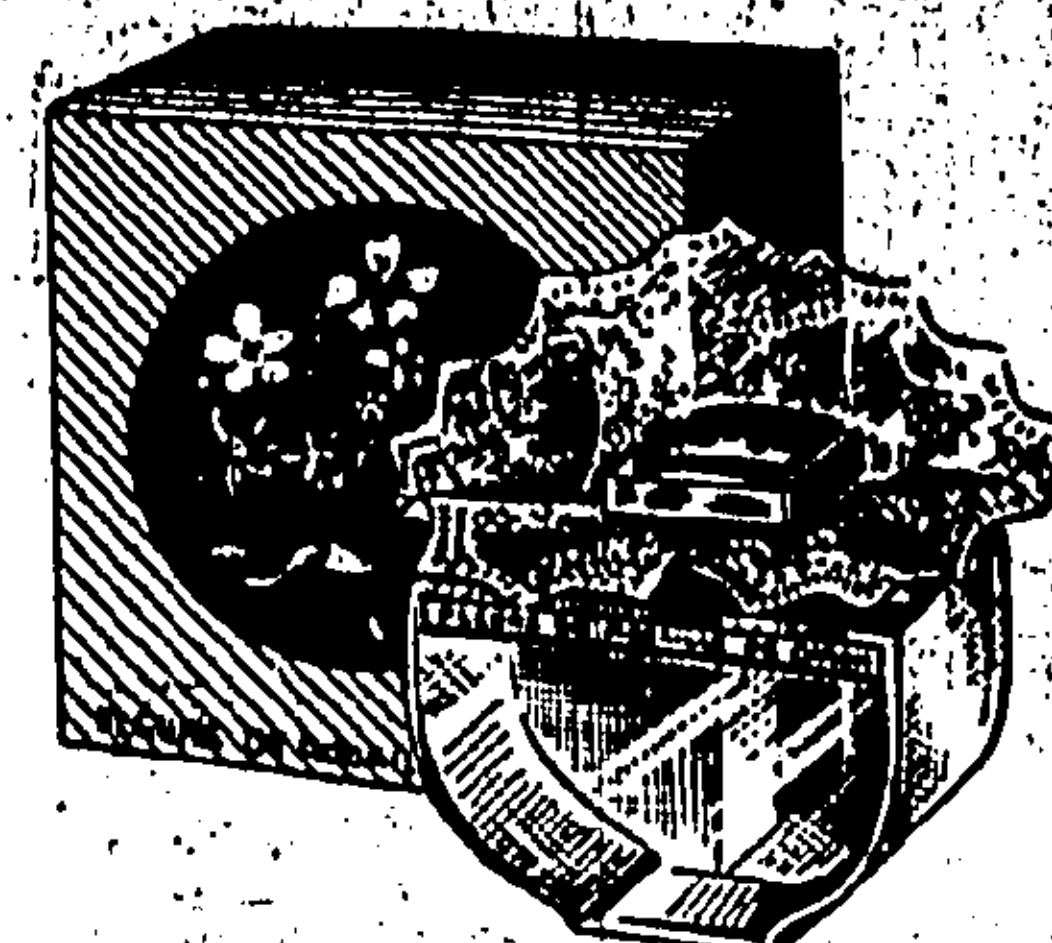
Southern states — the "Solid  
South" — have traditionally  
voted Democratic.  
Reece said Republican chances  
in the South would have been  
good even without a fight in  
Democratic party ranks over  
President Truman's civil rights  
programme.—United Press.

# New American Consul-General For Canton

Nanking, Mar. 7.

Raymond Ludden, of Fall  
River, Mass., First Secretary  
at the U.S. Embassy, has been  
appointed Consul-General at  
Canton. He succeeds Hiram  
Boucher, who returns to  
Washington for reassignment.

Mr. Ludden was formerly  
Advisor to the Chinese Gen-  
eralissimo Chiang Kai-shek.  
He served as Consul-General at  
Canton from 1945 to 1947.  
The Consul-General's office  
will be in the U.S. Consulate  
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# WESTERN GERMANY DECISION Big Three End Very Successful Talks Tri-Zonal Merger Plan

London, Mar. 6.  
The United States, Britain and France today ended an "extraordinarily successful" conference on Germany by agreeing to included the western Reich in the Marshall Plan, to internationalize the Ruhr and eventually to establish a federated Germany.

The Benelux states were represented at the conference but Russia was not invited. Most of important of the results was that the Big Three moved a step closer to establishing a federal western Germany as part of the envisioned economic union of free western European nations.

Admittedly spurred by the Communist moves in Czechoslovakia and Finland, the Big Three conferees agreed to recommend to their various countries:

1. That western Germany have a full part in the Marshall Plan in order to assure the "political and economic well-being of the countries of western Europe." American sources said the occupation authorities would represent Germany for the time being.

2. That the Ruhr be placed under international control, with Germany given a voice in its administration. There would be safeguards to see that its industrial production would never again be used for war of aggression.

3. That a merger of the American, British and French zones under a "federal form of government with adequate central authority be adapted for the eventual re-establishment of German unity which is now disrupted."

The proposals for associating Germany with the European Recovery Programme will be presented at the meeting of Marshall Plan countries in Paris March 15.

## Merger

On the proposed tri-zonal merger, the joint communiqué said "A wide measure of agreement has been reached on a number of controversial points." It said the termination of the present talks is merely a recess and that the conference would be resumed in April to take up security and territorial questions.

The U.S. delegate, Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas, commented: "Within 10 days more progress has been made than during the preceding three years. This has been an extraordinarily successful and fruitful meeting."—United Press.

## Welcomed in Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 6.  
The announcement of the linking of the three zones in economic cooperation among themselves, and with the rest of Europe, in fulfillment of the Marshall Plan programme, was welcomed by Berlin observers.

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It would accomplish the essential step of making the economic rehabilitation of Western Germany a united responsibility. It was felt, while, at the same time, leaving the door ajar for the Soviet Zone's entry if Russia should reconsider her position.

German representation on the possible future international control body for the Ruhr is sure to be welcomed by Germans of all political parties, however bitterly they may regard the prospect of the control itself.

"We are ready and only too eager for the close cooperation with the other Western European States decided on at London," a spokesman of Dr. Kurt Schumacher's Social Democratic Party said at the Party's Hannover headquarters tonight.

"There is little we can say at present about the future constitution of the German Government. But centralization is a necessity."—Reuter.

## BADMINTON TITLE

London, Mar. 6.  
Miss Kirsten Thordahl, 19-year-old Dane, took only 13 minutes to win the Women's singles final in the All-England badminton championships at Harringay, London, today, beating her compatriot, Mrs. G. Ahm, by 11/7, 11/0.

In the all-Danish men's singles final, Jørn Skarup beat Poul Holm 15/3, 15/13.—Reuter

# National Assembly Controversy

Nanking, Mar. 6.  
Kuomintang members elected to the National Assembly on party nomination today came out in open denunciation of the Judicial Yuan for giving legal support to the freely elected delegates, declaring its action "unconstitutional and arbitrary."

In an elaborate declaration circulated here, they also attacked Dr. Wang Chung-hui, China's foremost jurist, who framed the constitution, for upholding the position of the Assembly—men elected without the Party's blessing merely on the strength of votes obtained.

Stating that the provisions governing the Party nominations were sanctioned by President Chiang Kai-shek, the State Council and Legislative Yuan, these Kuomintang members said that any inclination to make concessions to freely elected delegates would mean "the abatement of violations of the law of the state" and discipline of the Party.

In reference to this inter-party dispute, which may probably cause a postponement in the National Assembly convocation, the Party sanctioned delegates cited the directive issued on November 12 by President

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## "Critical" Language

Los Angeles, Mar. 6.  
The first of several West Coast U.S. Army intelligence units will be created here to study an unspecified "critical" language, Major C. J. Boese announced.

The language, whose identity will be kept secret, will be of "tremendous value" in case of an emergency, he said.—United Press.

## Tests For Would-Be Candidates?

Hooten, Mar. 6.  
Examinations for prospective parliamentary candidates was suggested by the Rev. H. Cooke, Vicar of Hooten, Cheshire, who writes: "Anyone can put up as a candidate so long as he can get himself adopted. It does not matter what knowledge they have so long as they shout for rights or what are called grievances. It does not matter two hoots whether they have any religious foundation."

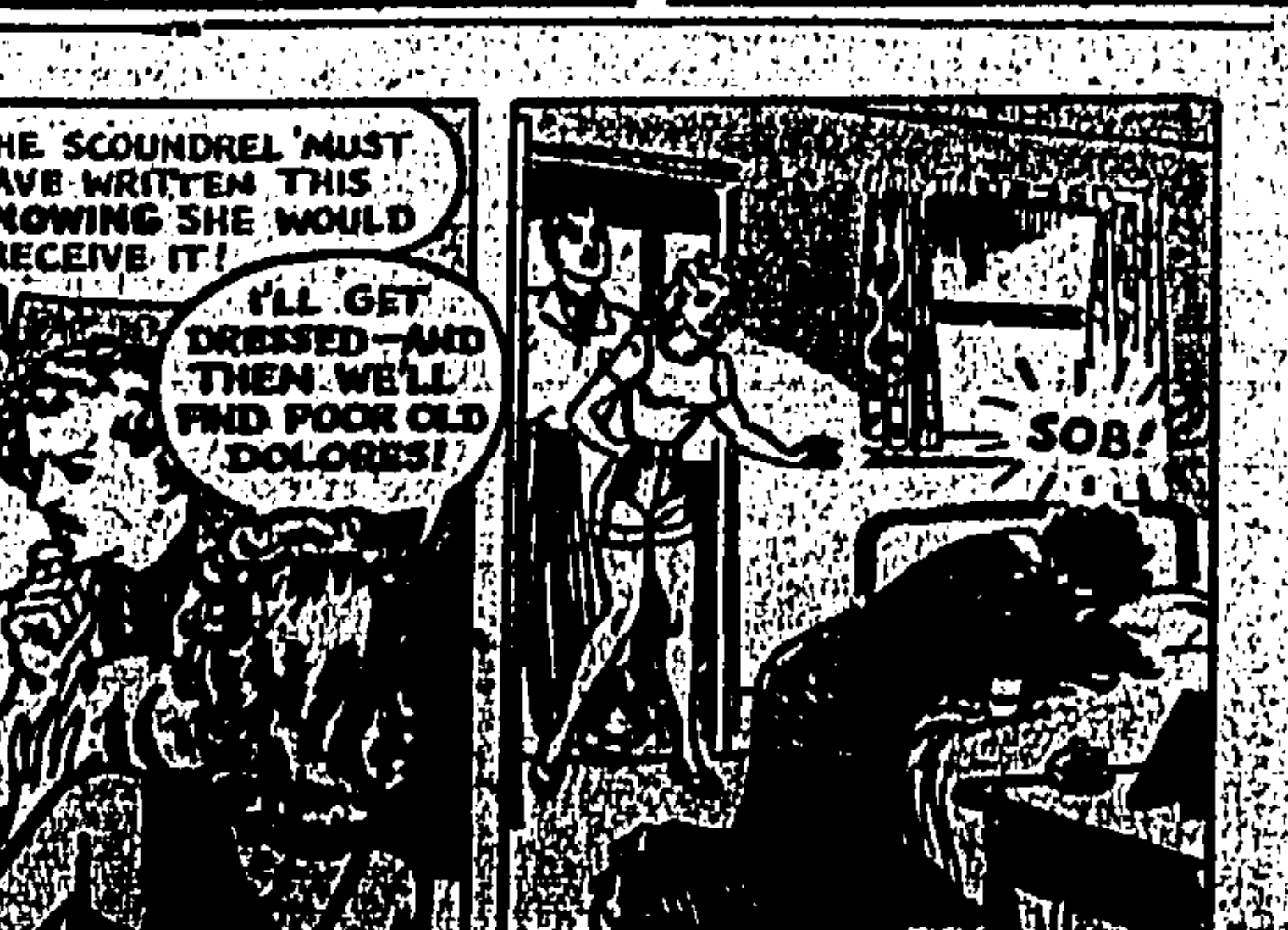
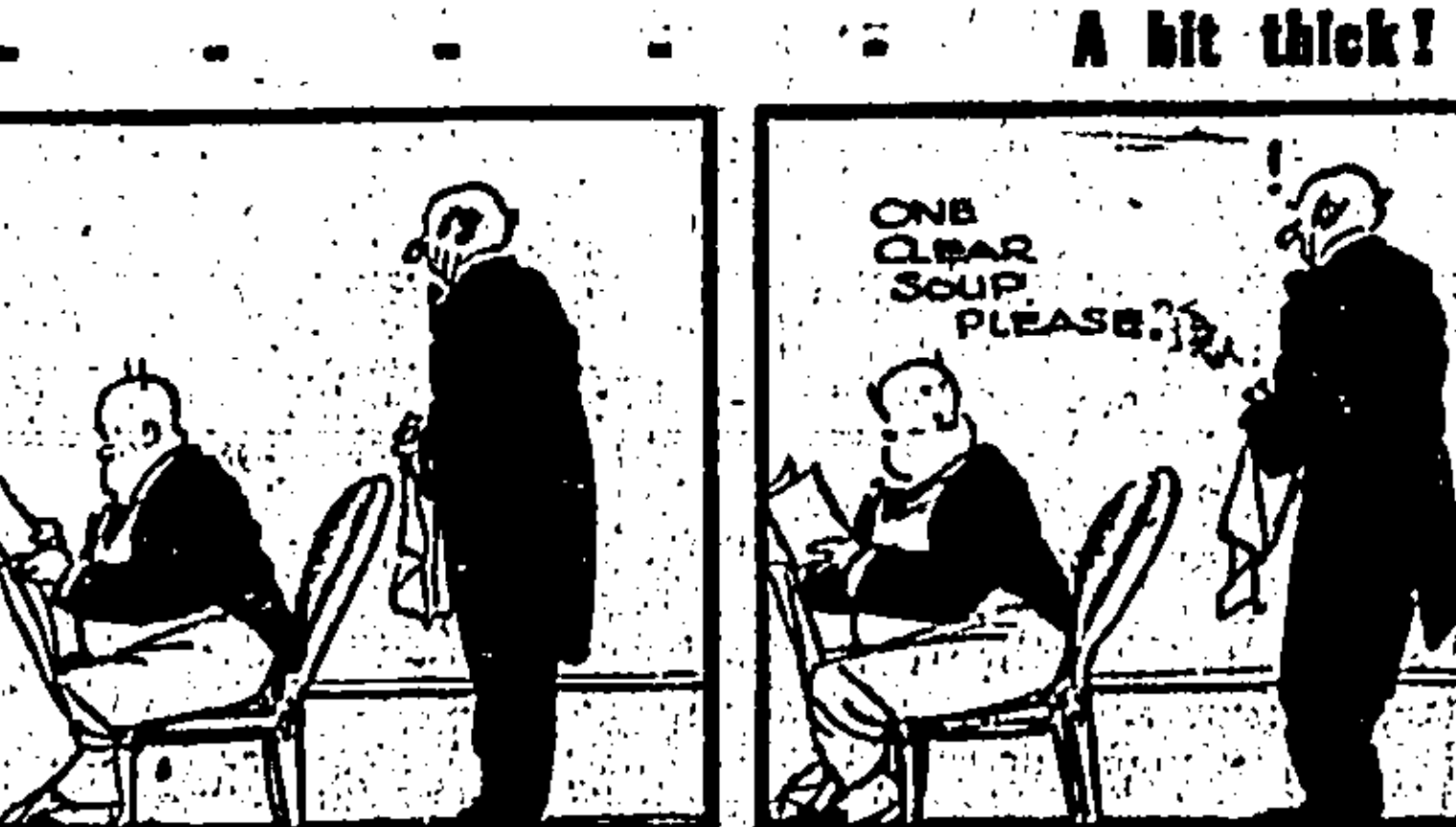
"The whole thing depends on how much window-dressing you can do, how many promises you can make on the people's pockets and how many allowances of all types you can make to one section or another."

Let there be not merely party tests but national tests. This would save the country from wasting time and money. It would save us from agnostics and atheists and we would get a "saner House of Commons."—Reuter.

Champaign, Ill. Mar. 6.  
Floyd Duff of Ohio State shaved 1/10th second from the American indoor 70-yard high hurdle record of 8.5 seconds in the big nine indoor track and field meet today.—Associated Press.

Chiang Kai-shek, which stipulated that "all candidates not sanctioned by the Party when elected shall be persuaded to relinquish their seats."—Reuter-AAP.

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# Moscow Protest Expected

Washington, Mar. 6.  
Diplomatic authorities here expect a violent protest from Russia against the agreement announced in London today for unifying American, British, French control of Western Germany.

Unless the Russians upset all predictions here, they will not only protest at the decisions taken without them but will also demand a share in the international control of the Ruhr.

In fact, the problem of arranging control of that West German power-house may prove the most difficult of all the London decisions to carry out.

The U.S. State Department appeared pleased by the speed and extent of the London agreement.

Authorities here believe the agreements have pretty well removed the last barriers to a decision by the French to join their zone of Western Germany with the already merged British and American zones.—Associated Press.

# Drought, Rain, Snow In The USA

New York, Mar. 7.  
While the Mid-West and Eastern sections of the country are prepared for another heavy winter snowstorm, Western governors have begun looking for Federal aid to dry-ice some clouds and bring rain to relieve their states' drought.

Minnesota, the Dakotas, and the winter wheat country of Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas looked forward for additional heavy snowfalls.

Rain and sleet is now predicted for the northern United States between the Mississippi River and the Appalachian Mountains.

Another snow storm, is scheduled for New England tonight and forecasters said it might turn out to be the heaviest of the season.

In the southwest Rockies, Governor Vail Pittman, of Nevada, disclosed that he and several other chief executives of the Western States are considering an appeal to President Truman for federal aid to relieve the drought conditions. The Government would be asked to determine whether rain could be produced on a large scale by sowing clouds with dry-ice.—United Press.

Denver, Mar. 6.  
Maj. Gen. Uzal G. Ent, leader of the American bombing raid on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania in 1942, died on Saturdays aged 47.—Associated Press.

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## WESTERN UNION

Some sort of a United States of Europe probably will be operating before the year is out. At first it will be a loose federation of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, designed as a working model of a union meant to be strengthened and spread over all or most of Western Europe.

Those are the views of diplomatic sources who have been watching closely the formation of such a union as Democracy's practical antidote to Communism.

Such a union has been the dream of some statesmen for 30 years. Now the failure of big power co-operation, the West's fear of Communism and an increasing need for joint action to keep the war-battered peoples eating and working, spur the planners onward with increasing speed.

Blueprints of the union's foundation were on the drawing boards at the Brussels meeting of diplomats from the five nations over the weekend. Diplomatic sources feel sure that the eventual size and authority of the Western Union will be clearly established well before the U.S.-financed European Recovery Programme ends in 1951.

There seems little doubt that the five nations now conferring will sign full military agreements to join at once against any aggressor. The words that float around the Brussels meeting are those of "economic" political and military union. They cover a list of uncertain ground.

Does economic joining mean a customs union knocking down tariff walls dividing the countries? If it does, how will it be made to work among nations whose foreign trade patterns vary so much?

What will be the upshot of efforts toward political union? "National sovereignty"—each nation's pride and individual authority—is the bugbear here. How deep will they be able to bury it? Deep enough to set up a sort of Congress or just occasional meetings of their officials who would have power only to recommend action, not take it?

What will the alliances call for? Will there be joint Chiefs of Staff and standardization of all sorts of weapons or just agreement to help each in war?

Suppose one member falls to what some western diplomats call the "internal aggression" that made a Red regime in Czechoslovakia? What do they do then?

Those are some of the problems. Another is the problem of strength. Some nations, notably Sweden and Switzerland, have refused suggested military alliances. Diplomatic sources believe any wide defensive alliance will have to be guaranteed by the United States before such cautious states will join a bloc which Russia condemns.

There is always the chance, too, that Europe's hope for unity may fall apart from internal political and ideological pressures and nationalistic jealousies and bickerings, making it a ready prey for totalitarianism. — By Glenn Williams, of Associated Press.

## BAN ON PAPERS LIFTED

Berlin, Mar. 5. The French Military Government today lifted the ban on the Soviet-licensed German news-papers Neues Deutschland, Vorwarts and Tagliche Rundschau, the German news service, DANA, reported.

As from tomorrow, these papers may be sold again in the French sector of Berlin. They were banned after their issue on Feb. 14, had been published in violation of the French Military Government's ban on the sale of newspapers in the Soviet sector.

# Black And Red Records Second Rape Of Czechoslovakia Reddest Of Danger Signals

By LORD VANSITTART

Early in the war I wrote a pamphlet called "Black Record," and the German record is indeed black.

It is now time to compare it with the Red Record, and it will be seen that there is little difference.

All tyrannies are alike in all that matters. There is morally no such thing as a tyranny of the Right or a tyranny of the Left; there are just tyrannies, and all free men should execrate the lot of them.

It is right to fulminate against Franco; he is a tyrant, and deserves it. But, it is sheer hypocrisy not to protest in the same breath against Tito in Yugoslavia, Durruti in Bulgaria, Grozni in Rumania, and Stalin in Russia.

## Ruthless Cruelty

There are no more contemptible creatures than "fellow-travellers" who callously overlook the barbarity of tyrants if it is perpetrated in the name of a creed which they favour.

Let us draw up a brief balance-sheet of the two chief members of the totalitarian family—the Nazis and the Communists. The Nazis are the more obvious of the two. Their main features are as follows: two peas. Begin with their cruelty.

Hitler murdered 6,000,000 Jews, and several millions of other peoples besides. The exact figure of the latter category will never be known. The former is never to establish: We know approximately how many Jews there were, and how many are left.

Slave labour has become an essential feature of the Soviet system. The annual average of slaves in Russia during roughly the past decade has been variously estimated between 10,000,000 and 20,000,000; 12,000,000 would be a fair estimate.

The other inhumanity with which they are treated results in an appalling death-roll. Ten per cent, would be another conservative estimate.

It will be seen that in barbarity the Communists are no less than the Nazis. The latter are a close race by a length or two—lengths to which no civilised Government would go.

Let us, however, be impartial and make no distinction between the two dictatorships. It is simpler to speak of Communism as a single entity.

The two dictatorships are directed together in 1939 and bringing about the war with the West, which both desired for different reasons.

Hitler and Stalin became bed-fellows and only fell out because both were betrayed by the earth. The Kremlin is furious at the publication of the Russo-German correspondence between 1939 and 1941, which reveals to the world this ugly fact.

This brings us to another family resemblance between the two tyrannies. Both are insatiable expansionists. Hitler and Stalin have no other aim.

The lamentable amount of sickness and mortality which existed in the Ghetto during last summer has caused considerable attention to be directed to this Colony by the press of England. Two articles have appeared in the leading journals. A few errors, excusable enough in a person writing at such a distance, are apparent. It is said, "We maintain in this island Chinese possessions for the security of our strength." Besides Hongkong, what possessions has England in China?

"The climate of the island is no doubt essentially unfitted to the English constitution." This we deny, and appeal for the substantiation of our denial to all the members of the medical profession who attend the civil community.

Again, "the ground in the rear of the (garrison) buildings is undrainable." The ground around the barracks is, through the whole of the year, as dry and hard as the City road.

Threadbare as the subject of the sickness appeared at the time, from the sunny discussions, regarding its origin, treatment and partial cure in the local journals, we propose at an early period to devote further space to it, endeavouring to elucidate our former positions; and, if possible, to correct such misconceptions as have been spread by the press.

There is just as confident of such psychological factors as he was of his ability to read a lead, once it had been made. He proved to be absolutely right. West, not willing to give the decoder a cheap trick, in a game called after both vulnerable opponents had bid, as well as his partner—the man opposite him usually knew he had better pass, until he found out what was up, and let Gil take care of himself, which he usually could in some way.

This time North was more than glad because he felt sure West would lead his partner's spade suit. He was just as confident of such psychological factors as he was of his ability to read a lead, once it had been made. He proved to be absolutely right. West, not willing to give the decoder a cheap trick, in a game called after both vulnerable opponents had bid, as well as his partner—the man opposite him usually knew he had better pass, until he found out what was up, and let Gil take care of himself, which he usually could in some way.

Now, can you visualize the game on the face of Gil Meyers as he looked into very rapid tricks in the black suits, then threw the rest of his cards in with a triumphant laugh?

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nexted Austria, Czechoslovakia, half Poland; overran Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, Denmark, Norway, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece.

Stalin has annexed half Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bessarabia, Bukovina, the best part of East Prussia; dominates Yugoslavia, Hungary, Albania, Rumania, Bulgaria, half Korea; and is seeking to dominate Austria, Greece, Turkey, France, and Italy.

Ruthless Enslaving

Who would, or could, differentiate between the rival gangsters of Berlin and Moscow? Nobody, but dishonest fellow-travellers.

How often was I told by the appeasers of the inter-war period: Hitler is only seeking security. That is what the appeasers of the Left pretend about Stalin.

Appeasers of totalitarianism are always dupes—when they are not something worse. The dictators ceaselessly want something more, and then something more, and then something more. They are drunk with reactionary imperialism.

And so Stalin, having already enslaved over 100,000,000 people outside his borders, is now invading the democratic country of Czechoslovakia. We have long known that this was coming, because Communism, like Nazism, aims at nothing less than world domination.

Ruthless Annexing

To all these primitive totalitarian fanatics "the sky's the limit." That explains, but does not lessen, the second tragedy of Czechoslovakia.

## Dutch Victory Against Two Enemies

The Dutch have mighty appetites. A fair-sized meal for an austere-stricken Englishman is no more than a snack in Holland, where good red meat and neat butter are basic needs of the stomach.

But Dutchmen work for it. Starting from scratch in 1945 (their country was sacked, sucked dry and swamped by the Germans) they've worked so prodigiously that now these mighty meals of theirs are assured. And there's some to spare. Under the £70,000,000 British-Dutch trade agreement signed last week, eggs, butter and great aides of bacon will be shipped from Rotterdam to stock British's depleted larder. In return, Britain will resume her pre-war shipments of coal to help Dutch industry.

Flourishing Ports

Pessimistic observers at the end of the war feared that "Holland had had it. But in two years the hardy Dutch have won a victory against two enemies—the mess left behind by the Germans, and their traditional foe, the sea.

Their rich agricultural lands on the coast, inundated when the dykes were blown during the German retreat, have been reclaimed. Most bridges have been replaced, most roads repaired.

At the gigant, Philips works in Eindhoven, smashed by R.A.F. (wave level rules, 23,000 employees have struck twice in two years. One strike lasted half an hour.

Cost To Visitors

Thousands of new homes have been built in the main cities. A new home (probably in a block) means three bedrooms, kitchen, dining-room, living room, bathroom, and can be rented for £1 a month. Furnished flats fetch anything up to £20 a month.

Most foods are rationed, but you can eat yourself to a standstill in any restaurant.

Visiting Britons will find that £35 can be made to go much further in Holland than in most of the other countries on which the ban is being lifted. A room and three meals in a second class (scrupulously clean) hotel, and breakfast in the hotel, and take your other meals out (ordering one large course) you can do it cheaper still.

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## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

## SHOOTING THE WORKS

Maybe it doesn't pay in the long run, but the "shooting the works" kind of tactic certainly will pay element into the game. The chaos who are inveterate addicts of such druggy maneuvers will sometimes argue that they gain more than they lose because of them. Right or wrong, so far as points are concerned, one fact is undeniable—they get enough fun out of putting one over on their opponents to make up for their losses on several occasions.

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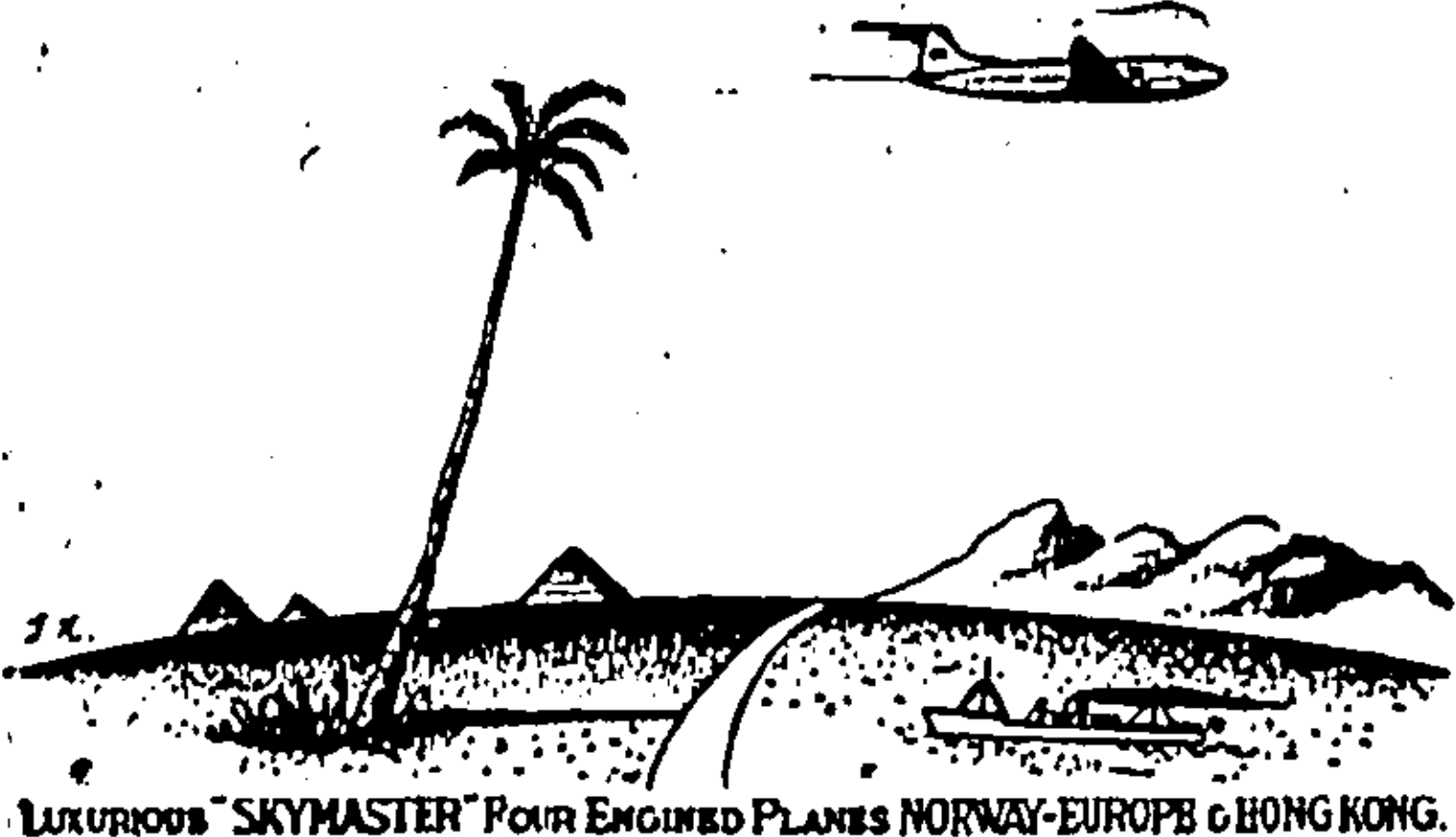
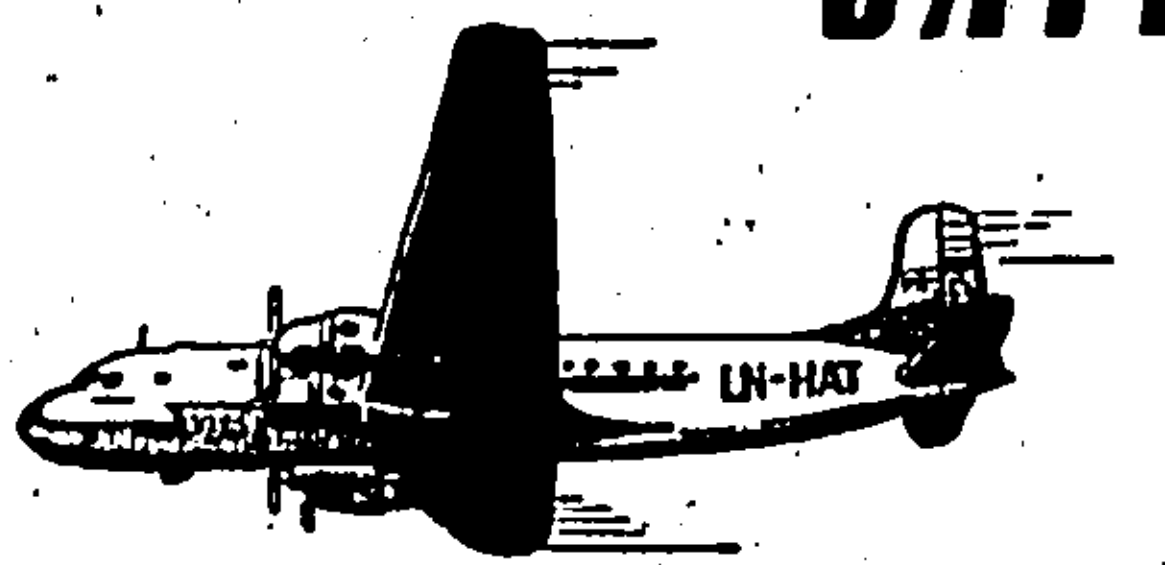
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# "Twisting The Lion's Tail"

## Heavy Demands From All Parts Of World On A War-Weakened Empire Current Trouble Spots Listed

London, Mar. 6.

A rash of foreign claims, internal disorder and independence "growing pains" is plaguing Britain's war-weakened Empire. From Latin America to Africa and eastward to Asia, Britain's worldwide authority has been challenged with renewed strength in recent weeks. The average Briton mildly calls it "twisting the lion's tail." But there is no mistaking the Government's serious view of the situation.

Dispatch of a cruiser to the Antarctic islands claimed variously by Argentina and Chile, and the landing of troops in British Honduras, claimed by Guatemala, underline Britain's stiffened attitudes against demands on her Empire.

"If the lion appears to be weakening, the jackals will soon come yapping and snapping hopefully round his flanks," was the way Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder, put it last week. There is little doubt the military strength of the British lion is weakening. Faced by an economic crisis at home, the Government last week announced more cuts in Britain's armed forces.

In the next year Britain's armed forces will drop more than 200,000. The cut will leave the combined strength of the Navy, Air Force and Army at 716,000 men a year from now. Britain's once powerful fleet is being reorganised. At present no battleship or heavy aircraft carrier is ready for immediate action, the Admiralty said.

Within a year Britain has granted independence to Burma, Dominion status to India and Pakistan, Ceylon has become a self governing member of the British Commonwealth, and Britain is leaving Palestine. But the challenge to the Empire continues.

Here are the current trouble spots in the Empire that worry officials in Whitehall:

### Trouble Spots

Antarctic islands—Argentina and Chile seek naval expeditions to claim long disputed territory in the Falkland Islands Dependencies south of Cape Horn. Both countries have turned down Britain's offer to let the International Court of Justice decide the ownership of the ice covered islands. Britain has no intention of arbitrating Argentina's claim to the strategic Falkland Islands colony, 300 miles east of Cape Horn. She sent the cruiser "Nigeria" to bolster the sloop that was Britain's only warship in the area.

British Honduras—Britain dispatched two cruisers and landed troops on her little Central American colony, claiming that "irresponsible elements" in neighbouring Guatemala planned an invasion. Guatemala has claimed British Honduras for more than 60 years. Anti-British demonstrations in Guatemala City accompanied renewed claims for the land of swamps and mahogany forests.

Palestine—Britain has announced she will give up her 20-year-old League of Nations mandate on May 15. British troops have been fighting trying to maintain order during the bloody Arab-Jewish conflict.

The Gold Coast—A "state of emergency" was proclaimed in the West African colony this week after 14 were killed in riots attributed to growing nationalism and demands for self-government. A Government charge that the demonstrators were "Communist-inspired" has been denied by native leaders. Airborne troops were alerted at Gibraltar in case reinforcements were needed to maintain order.

### The Sudan

The Sudan—Britain's latest offer to compromise the Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the Sudan was rejected by Egypt last week. The Sudan has been under the joint sovereignty of Britain and Egypt since 1899. Egypt's demand for sole sovereignty over the Upper Nile region has been rejected by the British.

Cyprus—Nationalist elements in the strategic island colony in the Eastern Mediterranean have been agitating for the British to withdraw. Four persons were injured last week in a strike demonstration. Kashmir—Britain has tried unsuccessfully to mediate the

conflicting claims for Kashmir by her two new Dominions, India and Pakistan. The dispute is before the Security Council of the U.N.

Hong Kong—Anti-British feeling still runs high in some Chinese circles as a result of Chinese claims to part of the leased City of Kowloon. Four Britons were injured in January during anti-British demonstrations in Canton. —Associated Press.

## Pres. Truman Has His Headaches, Too

Washington, Mar. 6.

President Truman, back from his fishing holiday in Florida, today faces a flood of problems ranging from Europe to China and his own chances of re-election in November.

He will soon have to tackle the vital question whether the United States should directly or indirectly cooperate in a western European alliance and whether a military guarantee should be undertaken in connection with it.

The Brussels conference of Britain, France and the Benelux countries has not yet reached a stage at which the United States can take such a decision.

The President, however, has to decide how he can drum up support here for the United States to underwrite a western European alliance without playing into the hands of the western European Communists, who assert that their Governments are acting under American "imperialistic dictation."

### Problems

Other foreign problems facing him are:

1. How to apply to the Middle East the United States policy of building bulwarks against Soviet expansion and at the same time to test the enforcement of the partition of Palestine, which some State Department circles fear may bring that vital area to the boil.

2. How to provide the military aid that some of his advisers consider essential to maintain Chinese resistance to Communism without alarming Congress at the vastness of the task to an extent which may seriously delay the passage of Marshall Plan legislation.

Those who know President Truman do not expect him to leave foreign affairs mainly to Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, because he realised that his chances of re-

## Possibly A Riot But No Emergency

Tokyo, Mar. 6.

Allied Headquarters officials here today emphatically denied reports that a state of emergency had been declared in Southern Honshu.

The reports alleged there had been Japanese-Korean riots in Southern Honshu and that a New Zealander had been killed.

According to officials, a New Zealand security agent had for some time been living in the British Commonwealth Occupation area with the wife of a Korean. The Korean husband on three separate occasions had taken a shot at the New Zealander.

About three weeks ago the Korean wounded the New Zealander, but he did not die. He has since been removed from his position. All is quiet. —United Press.

## R.N. Ships For Pakistan

Dacca, Mar. 6.

Pakistan is negotiating with Britain to buy two destroyers, Rear-Admiral J. W. Jefford, Flag-Officer commanding the Royal Pakistan Navy, announced in a broadcast here.

He added that if the negotiations went through—and he thought they would—these "fine ships" would be out by the end of the year. From them, Pakistan hoped gradually to build up a flotilla of new destroyers. —Reuter.

## Financier's Fatal Fall From Flat

London, Mar. 6.

Sir Derrick Julius Wernher, 58, was found dead today in the garden of Hyde Park's "Milliners Row" apartment house in which he maintained a seventh floor flat.

The police said his head was crushed. Death was apparently due to a fall from the balcony in his flat.

Sir Derrick was the son of the late Sir Julius Wernher, South African financier. He was last seen alive at midnight, the police said. Scotland Yard investigated but reports that so far they have found nothing suspicious about his death.

Wernher, whose father left £5,000,000, lived for years between the wars in the United States. In 1922, he married Miss Theodora Romanov, a Russian, in New York. His brother, Maj.-Gen. Sir Harold Wernher, is the heir.

He was the second baronet—succeeding his father, Sir Julius Wernher, South African millionaire, in 1912.

Sir Derrick's mother, Lady Ludlow—officially known as the richest woman in England—died in 1945. She left Sir Derrick £100,000 absolutely and £200,000 on trust.

It is understood that Sir Derrick was fond of standing on the balcony from which he fell. A close friend said that Sir Derrick has been suffering from acute attacks of giddiness for several months past. —United Press and Reuter.

## U.S. Navy Rocket Sets U.S. Record

Washington, Mar. 6.

A joint announcement by the U. S. Army and Navy said today that a new Navy rocket had reached an altitude of 78 miles and a top speed of 3,000 miles per hour, both new records for American rockets.

The rocket, named "Aerobelle," was launched at White Sands (N.M.) Proving Grounds.

The test was short of the record 114-miles altitude and 3,500 miles speed set by the Army in tests with a captured German V-2 rocket, but it eclipsed the record of 34 miles and 2,100 miles established last year by the Army's American-built "WAC Corporal."

The new rocket burns liquid fuel. Its size was not disclosed but the announcement said it was designed primarily for the upper atmosphere and could carry 150 lb. of scientific instruments, including a device to measure cosmic rays. —United Press.

## Sweden's Position In The Next War

Stockholm, Mar. 5.

Sweden's situation in the event of a future conflict "is better than during the second world war, the former Minister of Agriculture, J. Skoeld, said today.

Skoeld is the only member of the Government who has participated in the current heated neutrality debate.

The Minister's view is that a future war would be fought in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. If Sweden keeps clear of alliances it will have a good chance to remain neutral, he said.

Skoeld has been violently attacked by the big Liberal newspaper "Dagens Nyheter."

"European policy which at the same time counts on American help and refuses to declare its willingness to receive such a help is the strongest support for American isolationism," wrote "Dagens Nyheter," which is insisting that Sweden's security depends on closer cooperation with the United States.

The newspaper warned of "the terrific danger" that America might desert Europe in disgust.

Anti-Communist feelings are still running high. At a stormy meeting in Stockholm on Thursday, the chairman of the Social Democratic Youth League, Frans Nilsson, said: "Sweden will not be a pawn in the Communist imperialist game and we look with abhorrence and loathing on the events in Czechoslovakia." —Associated Press.

## Soviet Veto Power Ignored

Berlin, Mar. 6.

The three Western powers for the first time tonight decided not to accept the Soviet veto of veto.

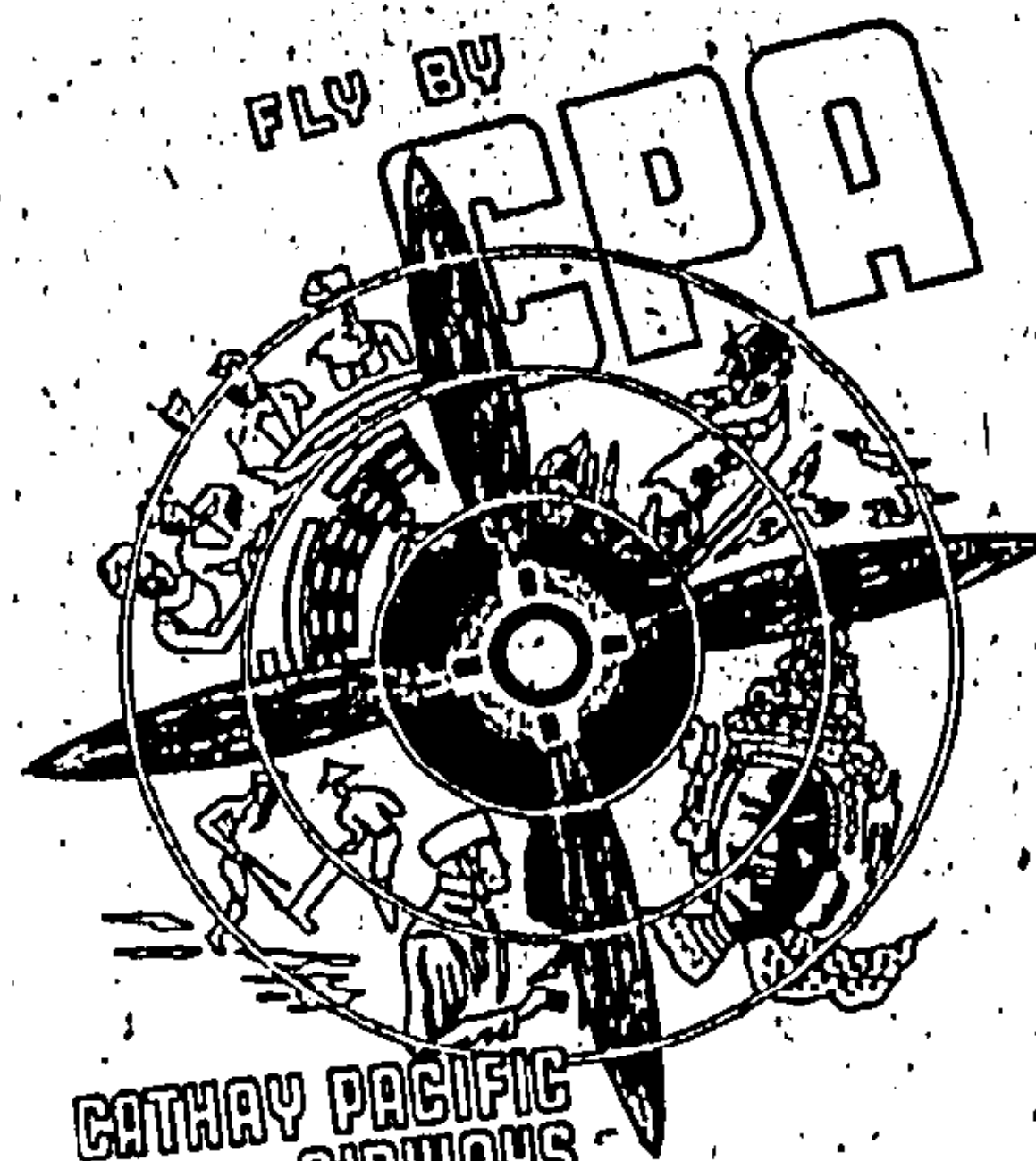
The coordinating committee—the four power body composed of the deputies of the Military Government—had a long discussion on a proposal to increase the price of German coal.

The British representative, Major General Brownjohn, said that as from April 1, he proposed an average increase in hard coal prices so that this industry might be put on a sound economic basis.

General Brownjohn said the British Military Government "is satisfied that its responsibility for the economic well-being of its zone, he cannot allow the veto of one delegation to deter him any longer from taking these vital remedial measures."

General Brownjohn also announced that General Sir Brian Robertson, considered that in the light of the experience of the past two years, further negotiations of price increases on the restricted commodities such as coal and iron ore on the Allied Control Authority would be fruitless. —Reuter.

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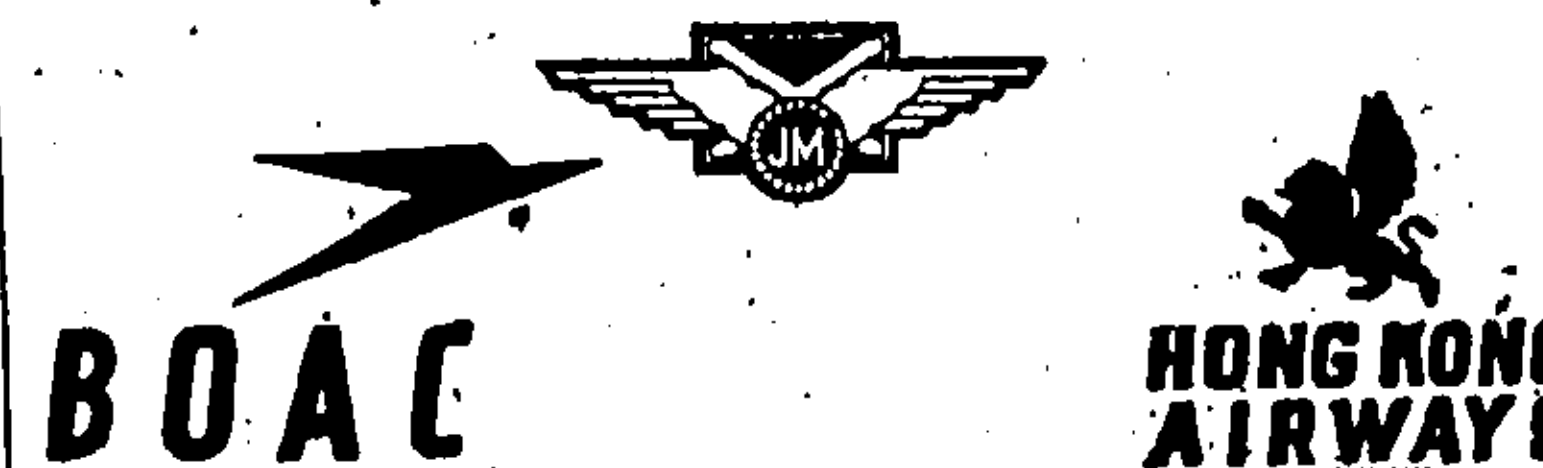
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Through numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as those for the "Ladies Handicap" to be run at the Whistman Meeting in May 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 132 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.**  
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

**NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.**

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all bills etc. Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 2782).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$5 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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## ELATION "DOWN UNDER"

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For Royal Family

Sydney, Mar. 6.

The Australian man in the street and ministers throughout the Commonwealth were elated today at the news of the Royal Family's visit next year. Newspapers, which ran special editions, reported that preparations were already being pushed forward to receive the Royal guests.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, who hailed the news as an opportunity for Australia to show "the feeling of pride and affection we have for the Royal Family," was expected to appoint next week a Minister and officer who would be directly responsible for the tour.

It is believed that whoever was chosen would be knighted at once by the King despite the fact that the Australian Government is opposed to titles.

Australian officials had already started working out a tentative itinerary for the visit, which will be the first by a reigning monarch to Australia—though the King and Queen, as the Duke and Duchess of York, visited the Commonwealth in 1927.

A Cabinet sub-committee, including Mr. Chifley, Dr. Herbert Evatt, External Affairs Minister, and Senator W. Ashley, Supply Minister and Government leader in the Senate, will supervise the arrangements for the visit.

## Delight

Sydney, Mar. 6.

Governor General William McKell on Saturday cabled both official and personal messages to the King, Queen and Princess Margaret Rose, expressing delight at their forthcoming visit to Australia.

"All Australians will be proud and honoured to have their sovereign back in Australia," he said.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Fraser, in a nationwide radio address to the people of New Zealand, said it would be an occasion when "both Maori and Pakeha (New Zealand white people) could demonstrate their loyalty to the Crown."

Leaders in all walks of life expressed pleasure over the announcement of the visit. Australian opposition leader Robert Menzies said:

"Their Majesties and Princess Margaret will have an enormous welcome from the people of Australia who have a boundless admiration and affection for them."

Officers of returned services' organisations and church leaders expressed their happiness.

## Warm Welcome

President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, P. J. Clure, said "the people of Australia will be glad to know this news. Their Majesties can rest assured they will receive an enthusiastic and warm welcome."

False  
British  
Passports

London, Mar. 6.

Five men, including two passport examiners, were at the Bow Street Magistrates Court today sent for trial at Old Bailey, accused of conspiracy.

They were said to have put British passports into the hands of "an enormous number of aliens."

Idel Meingarten, a Pole described by the prosecution as the central figure in the alleged conspiracy, was kept in custody. The other four accused were granted £100 bail each.

They were Frank Richard Gwynne, New Aldington; William Robert Barrett; of Malda Vale; James Prior; and Albert Edward Brown, both of Glasgow.

Gwynne and Barrett are passport examiners charged with making false statements, while Prior and Brown are accused of borrowing identity documents of British subjects to assist the conspiracy.

The prosecutor said today that Prior and Brown were required to procure passports.

The Magistrate heard evidence by a Czech Jewess, Julie Rothman, of Paddington, London, that she had paid £200 to Weingarten to bring her fiancé from Czechoslovakia to England. Weingarten, she said, afterwards went to their wedding.—Reuter.

"Mutiny"  
In Swansea

London, Mar. 6.

Fourteen members of the crew of the Greek steamer "Marpeia," which is berthed in the Prince of Wales dock, Swansea, are on strike as a protest against the arrest of Trade Union leaders in Greece.

The strikers are being refused ration and they have refused to leave after being dismissed from the ship and in spite of a notification from the Greek Government that they might be considered guilty of mutiny.

Dimitrios Kollis, secretary of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions, states that the men are liable to the death penalty under the Greek Government's recent anti-strike law.

The men say that they will not leave the ship until they are paid lawful compensation for their dismissal.—Associated Press.

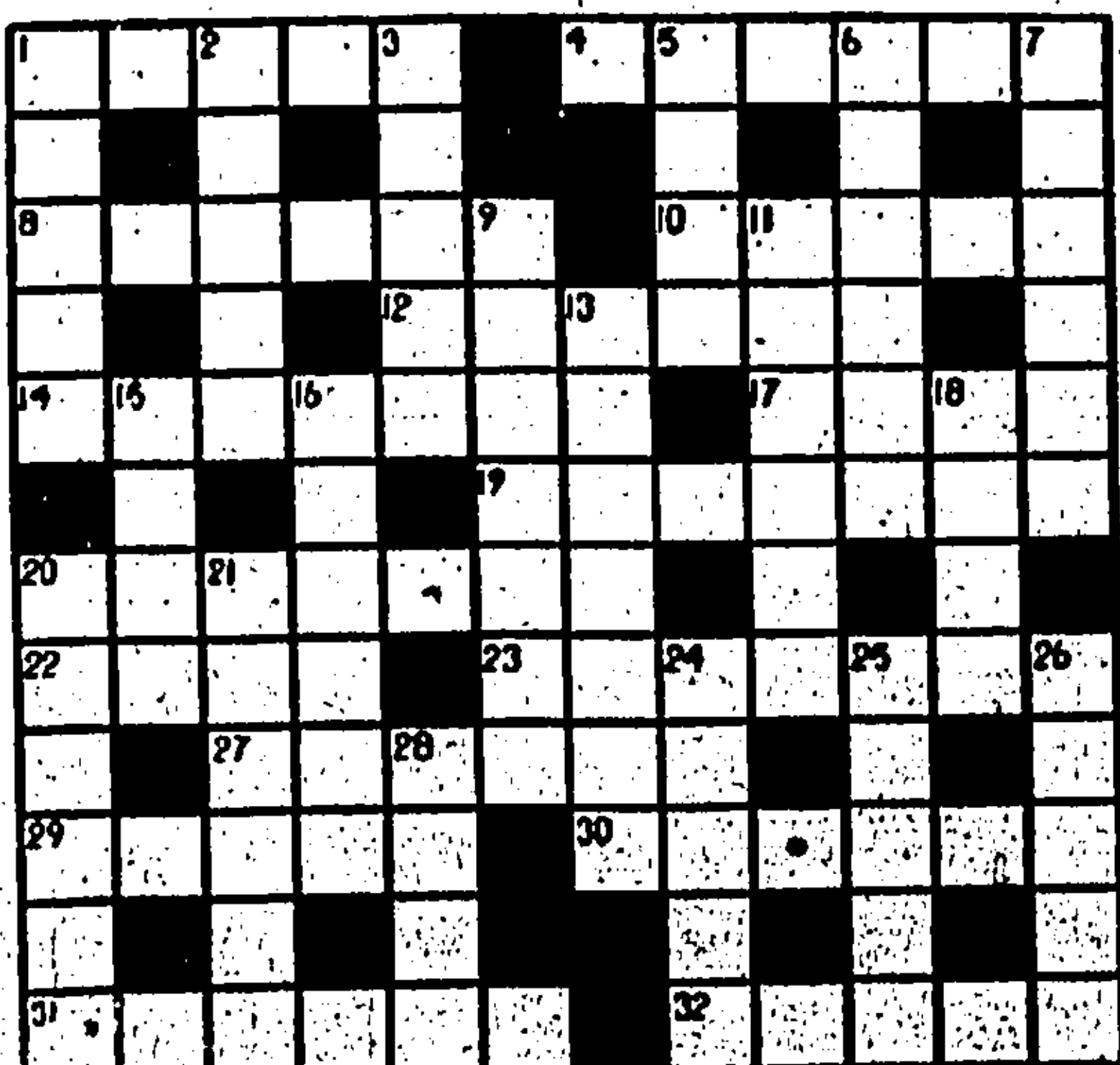
BANK ROBBERS  
ARRESTED

Cleveland, Mar. 6.

Agents of the FBI arrested today two during bank bandits who took part in the \$114,000 robbery of the Hibernia National Bank in New Orleans last month.

David Francis Almeida, 33, and his wife Anne, 30, surrendered to the Federal agents when trapped in an apartment in a slum area here. Almeida and his wife are the last of the seven robbers who looted the bank. All the others have been captured.—United Press

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



## Clues Across

- 1 River mouth.
- 4 Anger.
- 8 Mourning.
- 10 Harmony.
- 12 Drive.
- 14 Pointed.
- 17 Dispute of.
- 19 Taking not their side.
- 20 Beg.
- 22 Withered.
- 24 Rippling.
- 27 Climb.
- 29 Best part.
- 30 Speak evil of.
- 31 Slew.
- 32 Entertain.

## Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1 Marriage, 4 Ages, 5 Revolted, 11 Collapsed, 13 Grow, 15 Partridge, 18 Drizzling, 19 Real, 21 Appearance, 23 Gratitude, 24 Best, 27 Dispute.
- Down: 1 Talk, 2 Fall, 3 Abet, 5 Root, 6 Altar, 7 Radoy, 9 Repile, 10 Verge, 12 Gloom, 14 Ounce, 16 Dispel, 17 Reason, 19 Mind, 20 Answer, 22 Pledge, 23 Pore, 25 Saw, 26 Dull.

DELIBERATE DECISION  
TO WRECK ERP

New York, Mar. 6.

The United States is determined not to let Communist hostility wreck the Marshall Plan, Mr. Charles C. Bohlen, Counsellor to the State Department, told the "New York Herald Tribune" Forum today.

He said that Communist opposition to the European recovery programme was the result of a "deliberate decision to wreck it and thereby prevent the recovery and survival of a free Europe."

"We do not maintain that this programme by itself will bring peace to the world," Mr. Bohlen said. "If the programme is to succeed, it must be protected against the force seeking to wreck it."

There are already strong indications that the participating countries are drawing closer together in order to permit this programme to move forward to success.

Answering criticism of American "imperialistic" aims, Mr. Bohlen said that imperialism never sought, as did the European recovery programme, the economic independence of countries dependent upon the great powers for assistance.

On the contrary, imperialism sought to perpetuate such dependency.

Commenting on assertions that the programme was a step toward world war, Mr. Bohlen said: "Any such allegation could only be based upon the thesis that the restoration of economic health and political stability, and preservation of free institutions in the free areas of Europe would be so intolerable to Russia and international Communism as to bring about an armed assault on these surviving free nations."—Reuter.

New Soviet  
Automobiles

Moscow, Mar. 6.

New Soviet automobiles have gone on sale in the Russian capital. A small four-door sedan model called the "Moskovitch" is being sold to all who have 10,000 Rubles.

It is larger than the American "Crosley" car and smaller than the prewar Willys sedan. Producers are that the trade in Moscow will be brisk and that the Moskovitch factory will be taxed to satisfy the public demand.

The model has been sold only to Stalin prize winners. Soviet scientists and other persons honoured by the State.—Associated Press.

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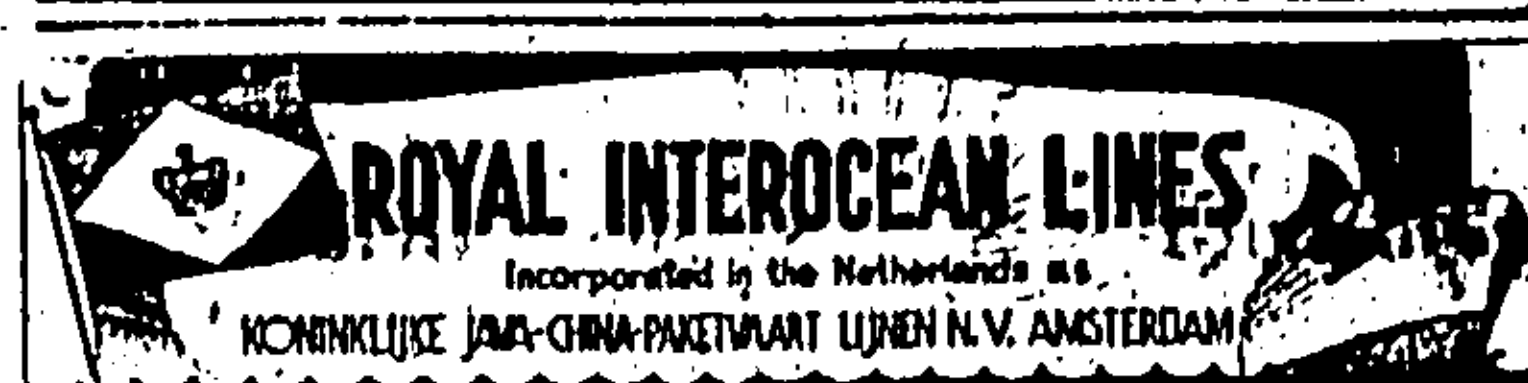
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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

# CONFIDENCE IN THE FRANC SLOW TO RETURN

Paris, Mar. 6.  
Six weeks since devaluation have brought some, but not many, signs of urgently needed stability. Prices were still pressing upwards and demands for higher wages were intensifying unless prices can be reduced. The strength of the free gold market and black market for foreign bank notes indicates that confidence in the franc is returning only very slowly at the best. Exports and repatriation of overseas assets have not yet benefitted much. On the contrary, the free gold market has facilitated gold imports for private hoarding.

Nevertheless, it remains to be seen what will happen when the free market really gets going. A slight easing of the free dollar is not significant since the demand for free dollars can come only from holders of import licences which are not yet being issued freely.

Offerings of free dollars were generally below one million dollars a day, which was disappointingly small but might be enlarged as the United States Government's scheme for forcing the disclosure of some of the concealed French assets in the United States exert its influence during the next three months.

Internal and international political uneasiness and the seasonal winter aggravation of food and other shortages were a further handicap to M. Mayer's plan.

The virtual exhaustion of France's official gold and dollar reserves handicaps imports, since U.S. interim aid is inadequate. Signs of improvement, which include a quieter labour situation, Everything depends on reversing the up-trend of prices.

Gold produced in French colonies will be bought by the Central Bank of French Overseas Territories at the rate which the United States dollar is quoted on the Paris free franc market, that is at around 305 francs per U.S. dollar. The new price, a spokesman for the bank stated, will be retrospective to January 25, the date of the franc devaluation.

According to the Bretton Woods agreement, France has to buy the output of her gold mines at the rate of US\$25 per fine ounce, a spokesman said, but since devaluation, the price paid has been based on the official rate of 254.39 francs per dollar. In application of this rate, the Bank of France has fixed its buying price for fine gold at 235,000 francs per kilo.

By paying gold mines at the free dollar rate, the price will be brought to around 440,000 francs per kilo without breaking the Bretton Woods agreement.

Gold on the free market is quoted at present at around 330,000 francs per kilo and producers want paying according to the free market price.

Under present regulations, gold mines must deliver their total output to the Central Bank of French Overseas Territories, and are not authorised to sell on the free market or to foreign countries.

Applications for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalling £202,000,000 of which £170,000,000 were allotted at an average rate of 10 shillings and 1.10 pence per cent.—Reuter.

## London Money Market

London, Mar. 6.  
The feature of this week's money market was the huge turnover in funds, occasioned by the repayment of the Government 3% Conversion Loan, Argentine railway pay-out on takeover by the Argentine Government and dividend disbursements on account of National war bonds.

In all, some £490,000,000 were involved in one of the largest turnovers in the history of the market. Heavy payments for new Treasury bills helped to absorb surplus credits while most lenders manage to dispose of their funds although in some cases lower rates were ruling.

Demand for April and May bills remained at a fairly high level but was not always met in view of the abundance of credit. The Bank of England return showed another reduction of fiduciary issue by £50,000,000. Active note circulation, however, revealed that the recent steady contraction has ceased, the week showing an increase of around £5,000,000.

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## U.S. DOLLARS WON'T HALT COMMUNISM

San Francisco, Mar. 6.  
Chap Booth Luce, playwright and former Connecticut Congressman, said she is convinced "American dollars will not halt the spread of Communism."

"The salvation of Western Democracy lies in a spiritual rebirth among all peoples," she said. "Unless there is such a rebawakening, war will blaze out once again."

"If dollars alone were the answer, Czechoslovakia would not have gone under. Czechoslovakia is a prosperous country, it was not false, that forced the invisible force of the Russian Army," she told interviewers.

She said it was impossible "for the most intelligent critic of our times to make any real appraisal of what is likely to happen between the United States and Russia."

Domestic rallies developed sagging tendencies after early firmness, attributed to sluggish conditions in the security market and lack of investment interest.

High grade industrial and utilities drifted irregularly in slow dealings.

## Weekly U.S. Bond Review

New York, Mar. 6.  
Sharp declines in various European obligations featured trading, with pressure particularly heavy on Danish and Norwegian issues, reflecting increased concern over the possible spread of Russian domination in western Europe. Renewed talk of currency devaluation was an additional unsettling factor, with Belgians, Dutch and Italians jolting the downward movement but to a lesser extent. Latterly, prices turned slightly firmer but dealings were sharply reduced as traders were inclined to be cautious.

South Americans were easy, with Brazilians and Chileans leading the decline, undoubtedly affected by the action of Europeans. Australians displayed softness in fairly active dealings. On the other hand, Canadians developed a firmer tone.

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United States Government issues worked higher on improved demand, credited to saving banks and insurance companies.

World Bank issues were also firm on increased activity, with 25 year 3% selling within easy striking distance of their 1948 top level of 95-7/8.—Reuter.

Bangkok Mar. 6.  
A joint session of Parliament, after five days of debate, today gave Premier Khuang Aphaiwong's Government a vote of confidence, 122 to 25.—United Press.

## Offers To "Die Usefully"

Vienna, Mar. 6.  
A Polish displaced person, sentenced to death for murder, has offered to "die usefully" by steering an atom bomb to its target for the United States War Department. He said in a letter to the U.S. War Department that he had a "strong disinclination toward being hanged" and volunteered his services as a suicide pilot in bomb tests.—United Press.

## Karens Deny Plan To Rebel

Rangoon, Mar. 6.  
The President of the Karen National Union, Saw U Gyi, today denied that the Union representing Burma's largest racial minority, was organising an armed insurrection to establish a Karen "parallel Government."

Commenting on yesterday's statement by Thakin Nu, Burmese Premier, that the Government was aware that the Union was collecting funds and arms, probably to stage an insurrection with a view to establishing a "parallel Government," Saw U Gyi told Reuter:

"We do not want to fight anyone and at the same time we hope that no one will fight us."

The Premier's charge was "ill advised and ill timed" at a time when negotiations were going on for a peaceful settlement of the Karen claims for a separate state.

He admitted that there was a deadlock in the negotiations but said that further discussions with Cabinet ministers would take place next week.—Reuter.

## BAYONET CHARGE

New Delhi, Mar. 6.  
After a bayonet charge by Indian troops, had cleared the raiders from the hill north of Uri, Kashmir, the tribesmen counter-attacked, using 10,000 rounds of small arms fire and 50 mortars.

Indian troops, supported by artillery, had cleared the counter-attack and counted 93 dead among the raiders. The Indian Defence Ministry stated today.—Reuter.

## Inquiry Into Devaluation Rumour

Brussels, Mar. 6.  
The Belgian Government has ordered a judicial inquiry into the action of the Belgian press agency "Belga" in reporting rumours of an eventual devaluation of Belgian currency.

Belga reported on Thursday that one of the delegations to the five power conference now being held in Brussels, would make proposals for the simultaneous devaluation of the British pound, the Dutch florin and the Belgian franc.

Both the British Embassy and the Belgian Finance Ministry denied this report.

The Belgian Government has decided to deprive Belga of the privileges it has had as an official Government news agency.—Associated Press.

## Air Signals Experts To Go On Tour

London, Mar. 6.  
A party of RAF and civilian signals experts will leave London on Sunday to inspect the network of aviation signals and communications which has been needed for the past six months by joint RAF and civilian personnel.

The joint service arose from the network established during the war by the RAF. With the increase in civilian airline requirements after the war it was decided to pool services and civilian resources as an experiment.

The party will be led by Air Vice Marshal W. E. Thack, CBE, Director General of Signals, Air Ministry. He will be accompanied by Group Captain C.S. Morton, CBE, Deputy Director of Signals and Navigation.

## She Lost Her Heart In Heidelberg

Frankfurt, Mar. 6.  
An American girl who fell in love with a German trolley car conductor in Heidelberg when she boarded the wrong trolley told the "Stars and Stripes" yesterday that they were married on February 21.

The 25-year-old Brooklyn girl, former Miss Gertrude Hilbert, said she met her husband, 28-year-old Walter Wagner, when he told her the way home after she boarded a wrong trolley in Heidelberg.

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"HANYANG" ..... Amoy, Foochow, Tientsin 5 p.m. 13th Mar.  
"NANCHANG" ..... Shanghai 10 a.m. 14th Mar.  
"KWEIYANG" ..... Amoy, Swatow, Saigon, S'pore & Penang 10 a.m. 10th Mar.  
"NEWCHWANG" ..... Incheon & Fusan 4 p.m. 16th Mar.  
"SINKIANG" ..... Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Cheribon Batavia & Banka 10 a.m. 25th Mar.  
"SOOCHOW" ..... Incheon & Fusan Last week in Mar.  
"SZECHUEN" ..... Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon 1st week in April

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## AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

### Arrivals From:

Oso via Bangkok  
Mar. 9, Brathens, 2 p.m.

Poole via Bangkok  
Mar. 10, BOAC (Capt. Foster), 2 p.m.

Manila  
Mar. 9, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Philippine Airlines, 10 a.m.

Shanghai  
Daily, CNAO, 10.45 a.m.

Mar. 10, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Canton  
H.K. Airways, thrice daily:  
11 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.

San Francisco  
(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Manila)  
Mar. 10, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Mar. 13, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

San Francisco  
(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai)  
Mar. 11, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Mar. 18, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok  
Mar. 7, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Mar. 10, Cathay Pacific, 12.45 p.m.

Departures To:

Bangkok-Poole  
Mar. 10, BOAC (Capt. Scadding), 8 a.m.

Singapore  
Mar. 8, BOAC (Capt. Payne), 7.30 a.m.

Shanghai  
Daily, CNAO, 11.45 a.m.

Mar. 9, Philippine Airlines, 11 a.m.

Mar. 9, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

Mar. 11, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

Canton  
H.K. Airways, thrice daily:  
9 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco  
(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Manila)  
Mar. 11, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

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San Francisco  
(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Okinawa, Manila)  
Mar. 12, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Mar. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Post Office

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail close before 10.00 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post will close at 5.00 p.m. on previous day.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking: Airmail for Canton, Luechow and Kuming: (Reg.) 3 a.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Huihow: Airmail for Swatow and Tsochow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 8 a.m.

Manila, Aden, Egypt and Mafellies, 10 a.m.

Calcutta, 11 a.m.

Swatow, 11 a.m.

Singapore and Bangkok, 11 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 3 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcel Post for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 2.50 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Haiphong and Peking, 3 p.m.

Yokohama, 3 p.m.

Manila, Tientsin and Shikhi, 4 p.m.

Kongmoon, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Beirut, Cairo, Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo, Aden and London: K.O.S. (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.; G.P.O. (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow: Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcel Post for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 12.30 p.m. (Ord.) 1 p.m.

Swatow and Bangkok, 3 p.m.

Manila, Tientsin and Shikhi, 4 p.m.

Kongmoon, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

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Apr. 3, 12.30 p.m.

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Apr. 12, 12.30 p.m.

Apr. 15, 12.30 p.m.

Apr. 18, 12.30 p.m.

Apr. 21, 12.30 p.m.

### ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Carrick Bend (Everett) 11.30 a.m. from U.K. H.K. Wharf.

Hong Kong (Ho Hong) from Singapore, 11.30 a.m. from U.K. H.K. Wharf.

Lin Shen (C.M.S.N.) from Singapore, 11.30 a.m. from U.K. H.K. Wharf.

To Yang (U.S.S.) 1.45 p.m. from Singapore (Capt. K. Johnson) D. H.K. Wharf.

Hankow (M.M. Co.) from Fusan, Capt. Whif. Tonghai (De La Rama) from Atlantic.

Yokohama (U.S.S.) from Fusan, Capt. Whif. Tonghai (De La Rama) from Atlantic.

Tientsin (U.S.S.) from Swatow, Capt. Whif. Tonghai (De La Rama) from Atlantic.

Wu Hing (Chung Mei Co.) from Swatow, S.C.

Wing Banz (Jardine) from Shanghai, S.C.

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